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PLAINFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

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CLASS OF 2021

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PRINCIPAL'S SPOTLIGHT

Dear Plainfield Class of 2021:

Congratulations to you, each of you! I am very proud of you and look forward to hearing back from you with many success stories.

Plainfield High School is an incredible community where parents, teachers, and all staff members share a common mission of preparing all students for demanding and extensive post-secondary opportunities. It is a blessing and privilege to be a part of a community that has such rich academic and co-curricular traditions.

Plainfield High School is comprised of a very caring, dedicated, and committed staff, and our goal is to help all students strive to reach their fullest potential. Plainfield High School students are absolutely amazing. Members of the Plainfield High School Class of 2021 can take great pride in their accomplishments. This class has set a standard for community, spirit, hard work, service, and concern for others. The Class of 2021 has advanced the mission of our school and personified its core values.

While thinking about what I wanted to say to you, I was drawn to a famous quote by Ronald Reagan, and it says: "There are no constraints on the human mind, no walls around the human spirit, no barriers to our progress except those we ourselves erect."

Although we have been greatly impacted by the COVID 19 virus, the quote made me think about how well it captures the spirit of this graduating class. You did not allow the constraints of COVID 19 to keep you from attaining your goals. Notwithstanding forced closure of schools for several months due to the virus, it did not limit your academic progress. You broke all barriers that lead you to an eagerness for knowledge and self-improvement. That is the kind of drive that will send you, our beloved seniors, some to four-year colleges, others on to two-year colleges and trade schools. That same spirited drive has yielded academic honors for our scholars and National Honor Society members; regional and state awards for our musicians, actors and artists; awards and tributes for many of our sports teams.

As you gather this one last time, Class of 2021, accompanied by those who love you, keep reaching toward that bright future with hope. Continue a steady sense of perseverance. Move beyond the robust foundation you have created here, in a place you can always call home. Keep striving for success!

Sincerely,
Miguelina Gil-Landisi
Acting Principal
Plainfield High School

MEET OUR ADMINISTRATORS

No alibis, No excuses, No exceptions!

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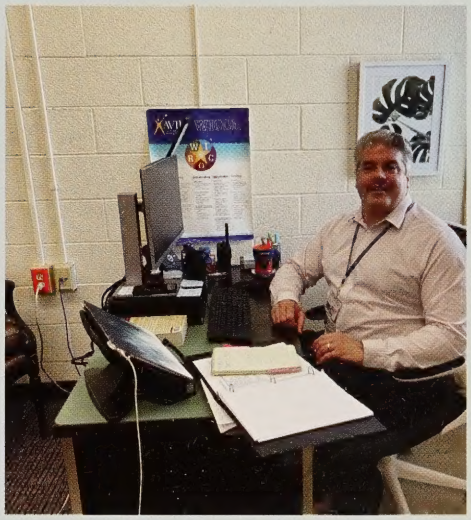

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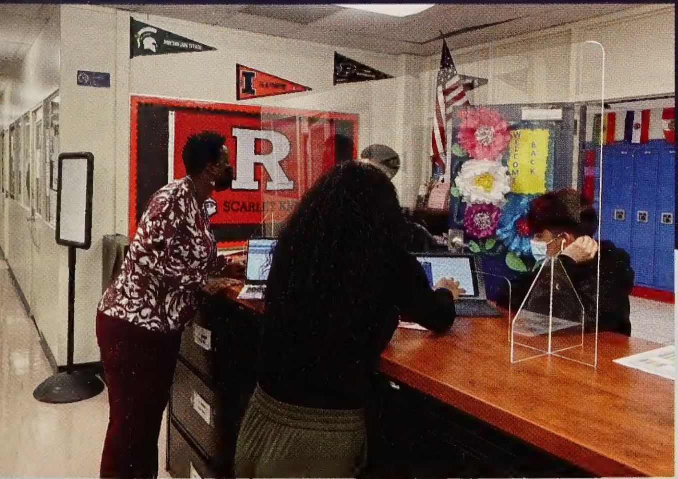

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Director of Athletics

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SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Graduating Class of 2021:

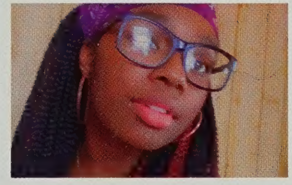
The last 12 years have flown by like lightning. I am positive many of you remember the first day of school, when your parents dropped you off in Pre-K or Kindergarten. For some of you, the high school years will be remembered as the "best-time" of your life. For others, the high school years will be viewed as a time of growth, strength, and opportunity. Google classroom, Schoology and Zoom will forever be etched into your mind as a new way of learning and receiving information. During your five-, ten- or twenty-year class reunion, you will always reminisce about how you survived the COVID-19 years and how differently the world was forced to change its daily norms.

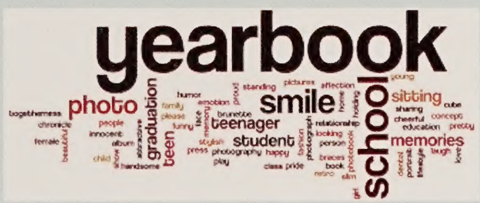
For those of you who will leave Plainfield upon graduation, I wish you all the best life has to offer! Explore the world and everything "good" it has to offer. The world is your playground; go play in it! You deserve the best! Plainfield will be waiting for you when you return.

In the words of Dr. Seuss – You are on your own. And you know what you know. And YOU are the one who will decide where to go! Congratulations to my Champion Cardinals!

Dr. Diana Mitchell, Superintendent of Schools

YEARBOOK STAFF





Class of 2021,

WHAT A YEAR!! You did it!

Congratulations and enjoy this exciting time in your life!

We hope that you enjoy this yearbook as we worked very hard to make it original and enjoyable for years to come. Please note, in this book you may see cases in which students removed their masks briefly for a photo but we adhered to all school policies.

Lydie Bataille, Stephanie Cheefoon, Diana Garcia, Gabriela Montoya, Arianna Pack, Bryana Ramos, Neahsha Williams, Ms. Green & Mrs. Pierre

CLASS ADVISORS

Class of 2021, you are tenacious!

Life threw the dirt of a pandemic, and you all, did one of the best things; weathered the storm and used your tools to plant seeds, watch them sprout, blossom, and become fruitful through several seasons.

We can recall your freshman year; the majority of you looked fearful and confused. Our trip to the bowling alley had you all "striking out" and getting rid of all the things that had you "pinned" to fear of failure. You all began the process of planting your feet in spaces that ultimately aid you in reaching your short-term goals. Sophomore year was the year that you all became more confident in your place at Plainfield High School, and with all the rays of sunshine that landed on you, you all began to sprout. Although, Junior year watered you all in places where no one could see your growth, we knew you grew and blossomed when we had to move you from a pot to a garden. Finally, Senior year, you became fruitful individuals who had seeds of your own.

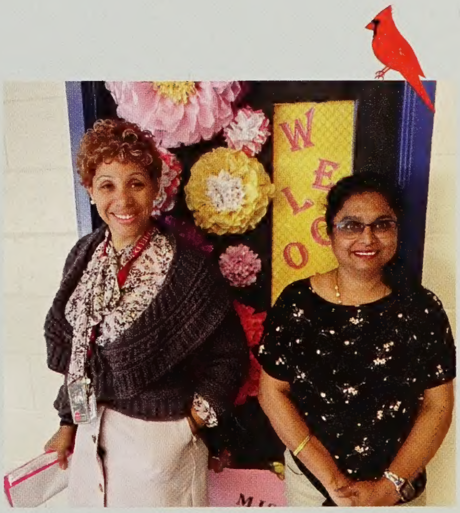
If it is one lesson that you should take with you, it should be that you will have dirt thrown on you. Still, your tenacity will help you sprout because the sun naturally awaits all the things in the dark to dim out when it is shining. In the end, you will blossom only to produce fruitful seeds that will not only flourish the garden of this world but will continue to inspire others to PLANT, SPROUT, BLOSSOM, and be FRUITFUL.

Never forget that every experience comes with a lesson. The lesson is a concrete path, while the experience can become quicksand if you continue to walk on it as if it wasn't there to drown you in thoughts of failure.

Never forget that you should live life on purpose, with purpose, for purpose.
Never forget that your thoughts narrate your life.
Never forget that we are the Cardinals, and we were given wings to see the bigger picture.
Remind yourself that there is never a need to land and explain anything to people who cannot see from your vision.

Thank you for letting us water you with the experiences that have led you to find a better version of yourself! We believe that you will continue to water yourself because Plainfield High School has given you the resources and tools that made you a certified green thumb expert.
You all are what the world is waiting for...

PLANT. SPROUT. BLOSSOM. Be FRUITFUL. The world is your garden!



Ms. Vilbrun & Ms. Jacob

PHS Faculty & Staff

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Sgt. Eubanks
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P. Feliciano
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L. Govahn
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M. Henriquez-Rivas
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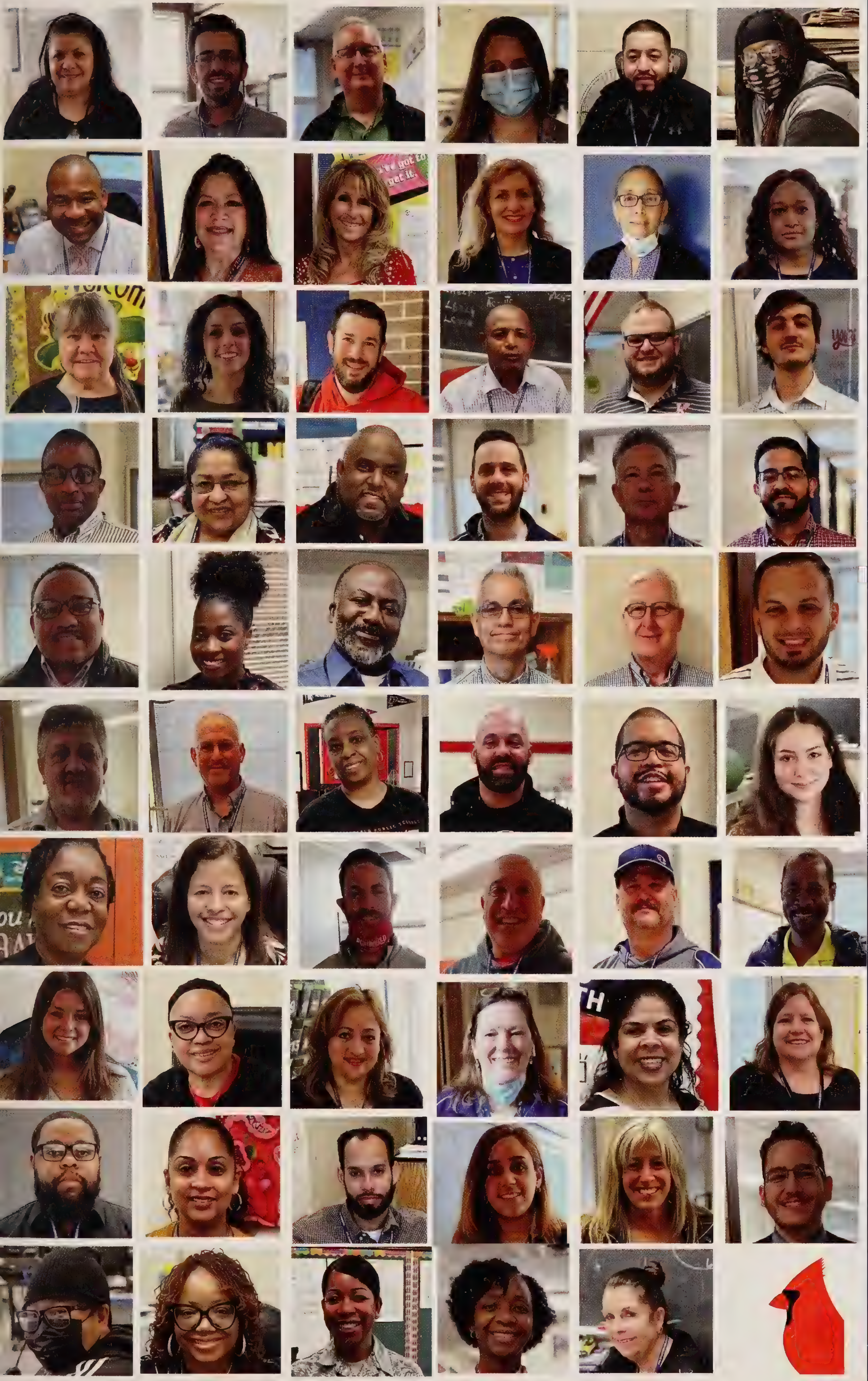

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C. Tucker
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I. Vargas-LaSalle
B. Vuono
J. Walters
W. Wessells
J. Williams
Chief Wilson
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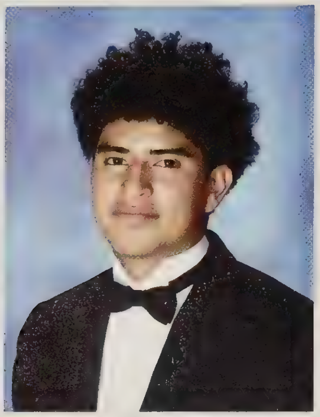
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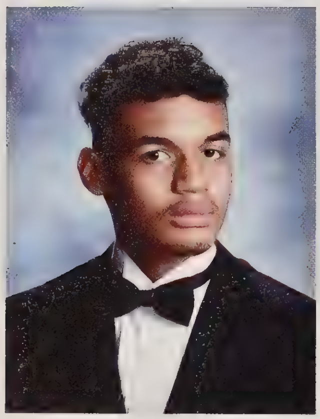
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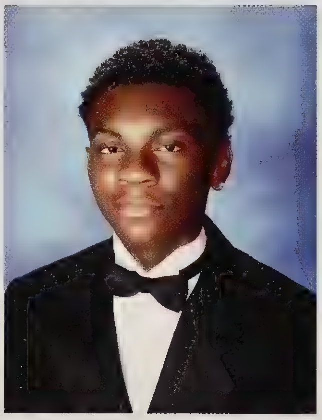
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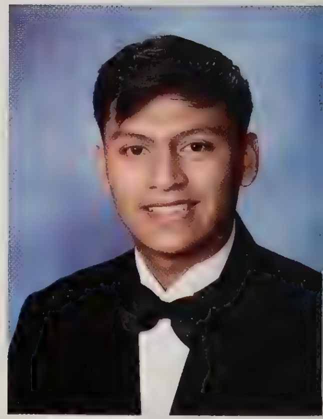
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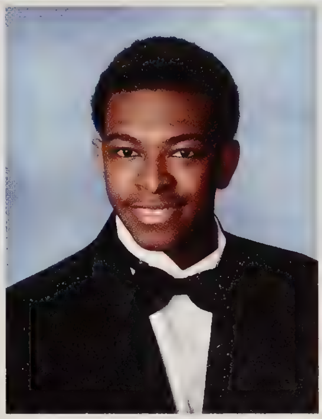
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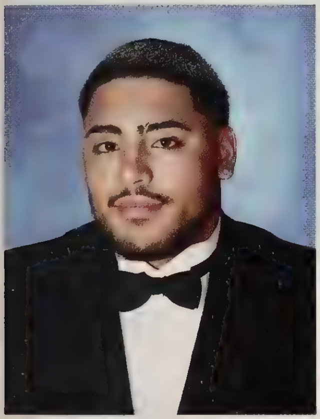
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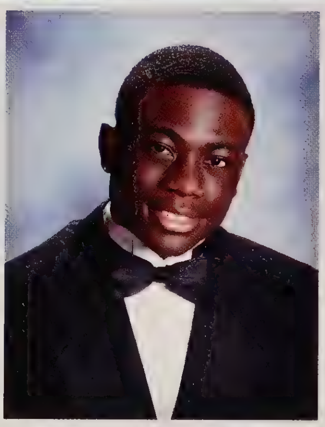
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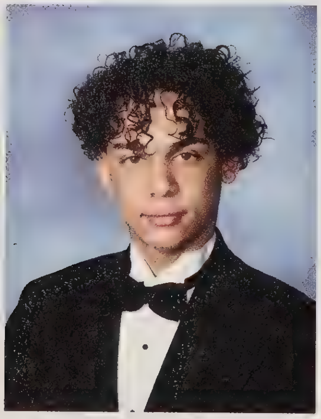
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Juliana Michell Castillo Najera

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Jonathan Enriquez Castro

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Erick Estuardo Chach Gomez

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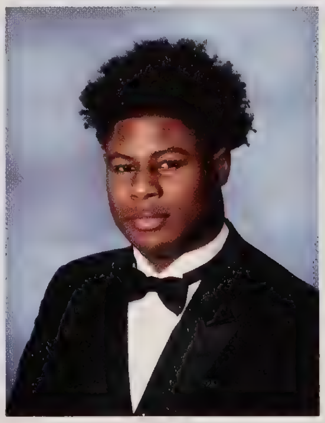
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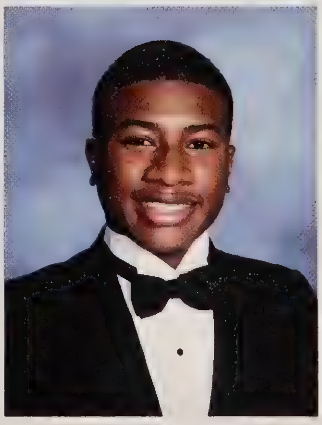
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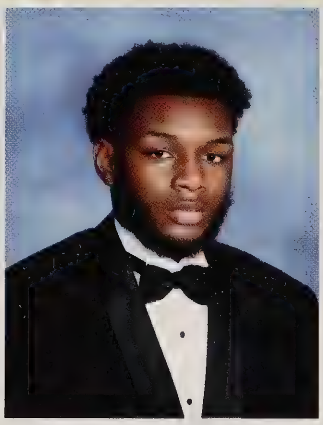
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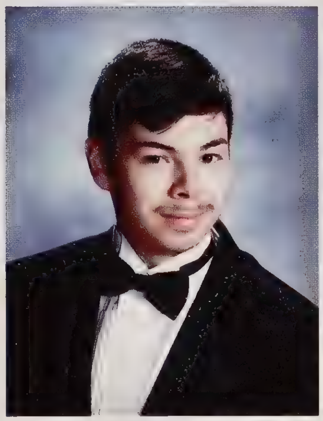
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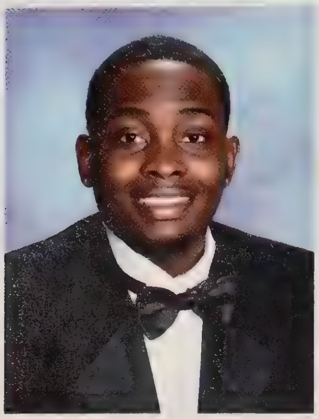
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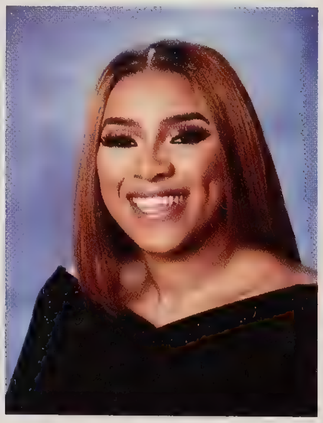
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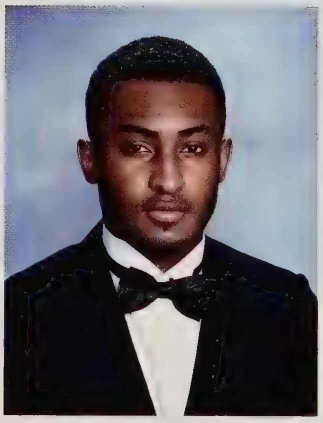
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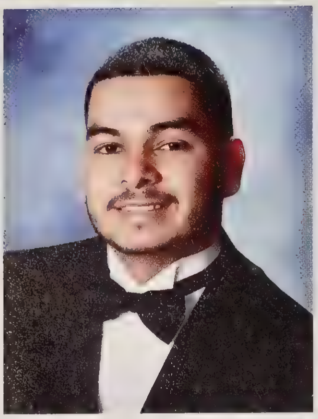
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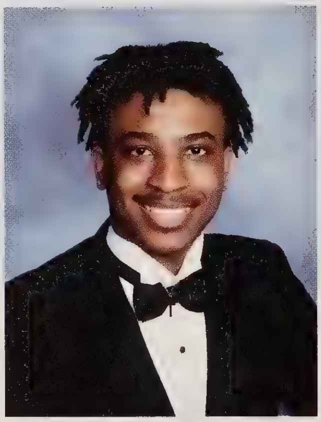
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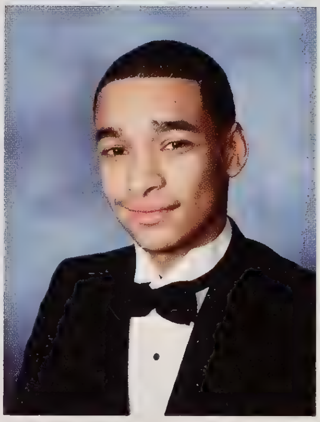
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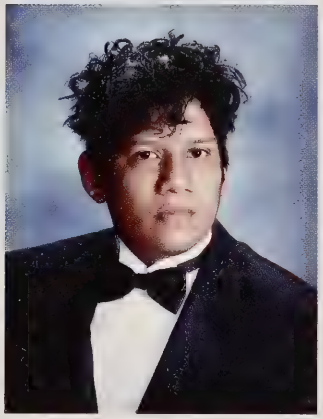
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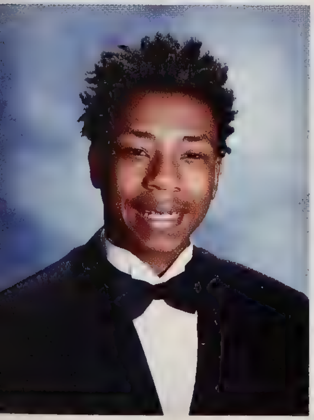
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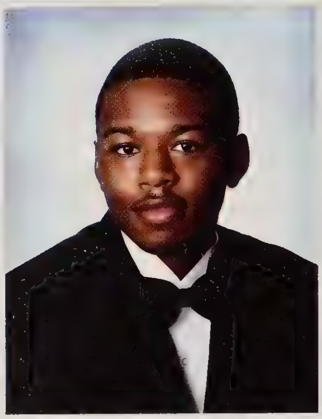
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Varillas

Steve Menjivar

Daniela Mino
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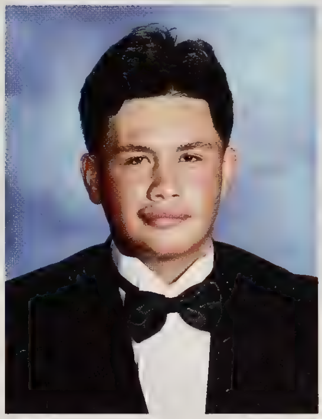
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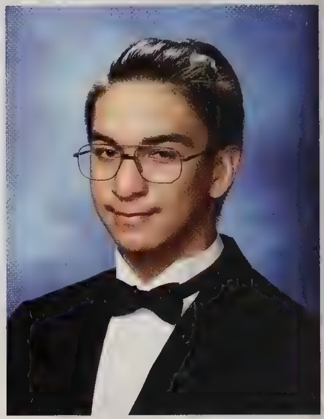
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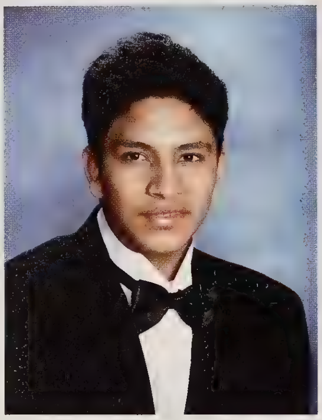
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Ivan Daniel Pereira

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Jaramillo

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Lopez

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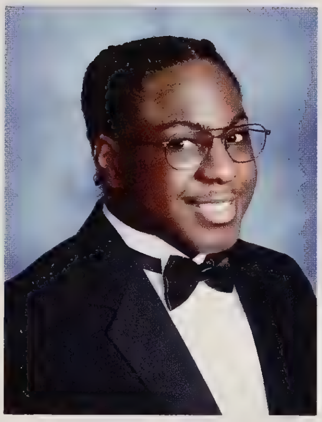
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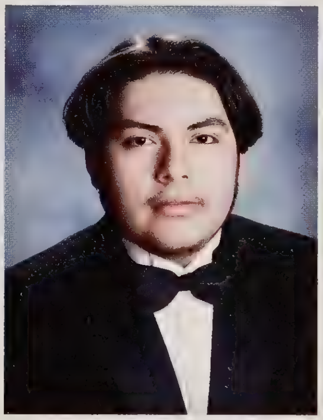
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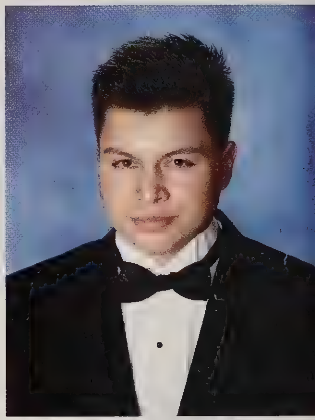
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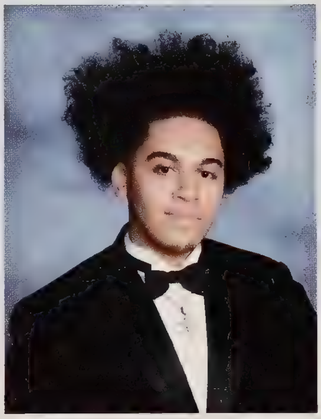
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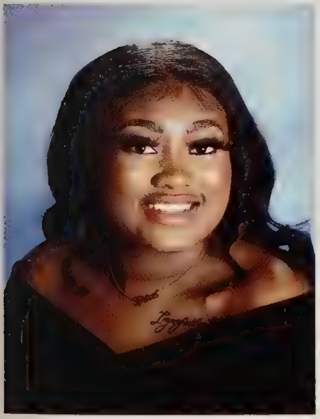
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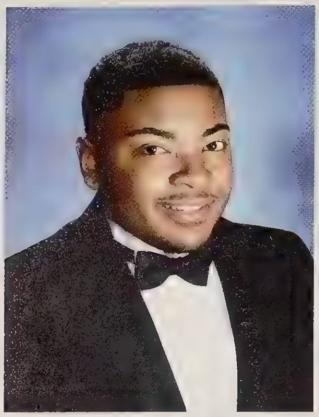
Daniel Suarez Pineda

Plainfield High School Graduates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Jahyir Ahmad Sweat

Lena Mackenzi Taylor

Luis Angel Tejada-Martinez

Emely Paulina Tenorio-Ocana

Rickeya Schlita Thomas

Michelle Stepha Toapanta Soria

Vivian Daniela Torres-Acosta

Nuria Elisa Tum Ivoy

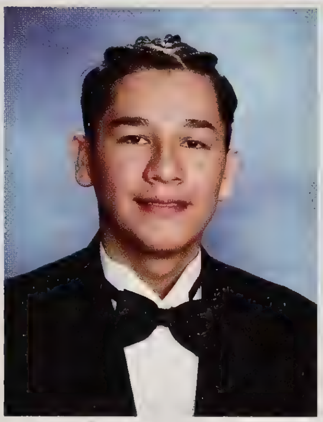
Yesica Gesmin Turis

Jacquin Turner

Semanta Urena

Class of 2021

Chisom Uzoeshi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Camila Sarahi Vasquez Cata

Zaul Vasquez Torres

Manuela Ventura Chach

Christian Vera

Laura Villacis Olivo

Jackeline Johana Villeda Quintero

Jeremiah Voniya Warren

Damien Jr Wilkerson

Neahsha Williams

Walter Wellington Young

Plainfield High School Graduates

Gisela Yamileth Zavala Castillo

Analinda Zepeda

Andres Zuniga De La Cruz

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*Argentina*Belize*Bolivia*Brazil*Chile*Colombia*Costa Rica* Cuba*Dominican Republic*El Salvador*

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

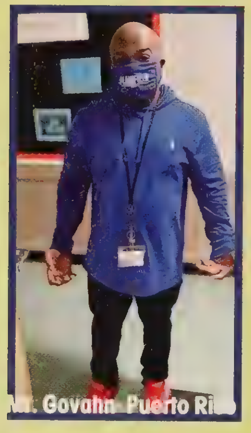
*Ecuador*Guatamala*Honduras* Mexico*Nicaragua*Panama*Paraguay*Peru*Puerto Rico*Venezuela*

Jade Galarza

Student art work is displayed on this page

Dominican Republic
[illegible] Taveras

Money from El Salvador



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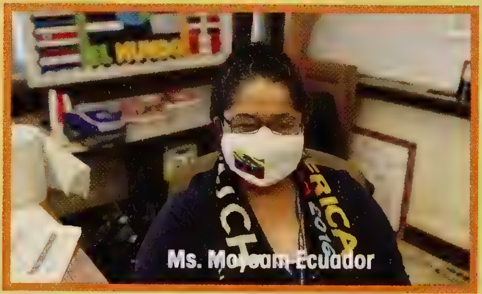
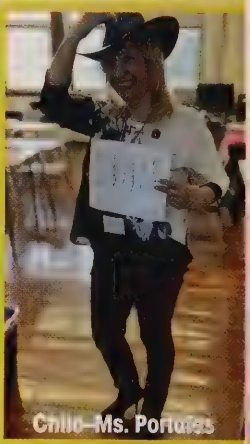
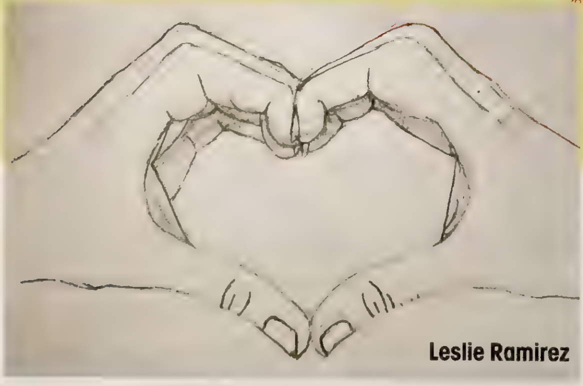
Mr. Gilliaz-Argentina



Ms. Moysam-Ecuador



Chile-Ms. Portales



Leslie Ramirez

Brasil

Ketelyn de Freitas Melo

Hispanic Heritage Month is to
recognize the contributions an
presence of both Hispanic and
Latin Americans; To observe
their native heritage and
contributing culture.

"I BLEED CARDINAL RED FOR PEACE ON EARTH"- Jeffrey Camilo Taveras

eslie Ramirez Mendez

El Salvador

Ursula Zavala Castillo

By: Vanessa Gutierrez

Mexico

El Salvador

Clothes from Panama

Dominican Republic-Mr. Martinez

Dancers for Virtual Assembly

Panama-Ms. Castillo

[illegible] Virtual Hispanic Assembly

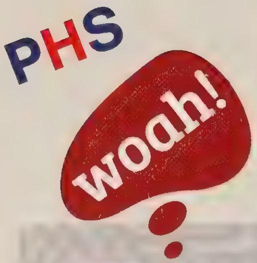
Mofongo

A dish of garlicky mashed plantains is one of the most popular dishes in Puerto Rico. It has clear roots in the fufu of West Africa. The classic way to serve mofongo is the mortar in which it was mashed. In the last several decades, mofongo has been adopted by Dominicans and is now commonly found in Domician restaurants and cookbooks.

Brenda Babulal

Guatemala

"The future depends on what we do in the present." Gandhi -Amparo Santana



SENIOR SHOUT OUTS

WE ARE COLLEGE BOUND!

HEIGHT
6'2
WELCOME TO THE GATE
NATIONAL Signing DAY 2021
POSITION
LB
JOSH
CORDOBA
NATIONAL SIGNING DAY 2021
WEIGHT
210
SIGNED
PLAINFIELD, NJ | PLAINFIELD HS | LB

Congratulations to Joshua Cordoba who signed with Windgate University as a Linebacker. Joshua has been a three year varsity starter for PHS. Starting his career early, Joshua finished his sophomore season with 37 tackles and 7 sacks. Follwing the addition of a new coaching staff, the Middle Linebacker finished his season leading the defense with 137 tackles making First Team All Division. In his final season, he helped his team almost win their first winning season in 15 years finishing this shortened season 2-3 with 62 recorded tackles. Joshua also made First Team All Conference. In addition to being a stellar athlete Joshua has maintained a 3.89 GPA all 4 years of high school.

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OH, THE PLACES WE'LL GO!

Class of 2021

VALEDICTORIAN

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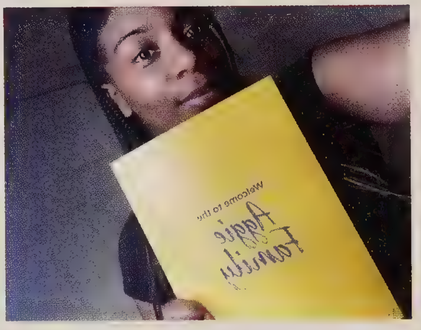
Kayvone Monroy Planco
Accepted into Rutgers University
Will major in Psychology

KEAN UNIVERSITY
Accepted!
WELCOME TO THE CLASS OF 2025

Lena Taylor
Accepted into Kean University
Goal is to obtain a B.A. in Early
Childhood Education



Rahkiyah Arrington
Accepted into North Carolina A&T
Will major in Nursing

New Members - Front RowF from Left to Right
Diana Acetun Sic (Sr.), Milena Guerra (Jr.), Anette Narvaez (Jr.), Chelsea Young (Jr.),
Felix Garcia (Jr.), Cynthia Garcia (Jr.), Erika Apupalo (Jr.), Naidelyn Madrid (Jr.), Lena Taylor (Sr.)

Old Members - Back Row
Chapter VP Egypt Hamilton (Sr.), Daniela Mino (Sr.), Chapter Secretary Justin Bugarin (Sr.),
Chapter President Brenda Babulal (Sr.)

Melina Coleman
Accepted into New Jersey City University
Will major in Criminal Justice

Amari Eubanks
Accepted into
Howard University
Will major in Biology on a Pre-Med track

"I BLEED CARDINAL RED FOR ANIMALS, SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EQUALITY" -Natalie Ascencio

Aahjah Lewis,

Aahjah has been a Linebacker for the Cardinal Football Team for her junior and senior years. Aahjah also played all four years for the Lady Cardinals Basketball Team finishing out her senior year on the Varsity Team and on the PHS Volleyball Team as a Manager. She has played for Plainfield Public Schools since 7th grade starting at Maxson Middle School. Aahjah was also part of the MSU and YES Leagues since middle school.

Aahjah plans to go to school to become a Massage Therapist with the dream of opening her own business.

Vivian Torres

Accepted into Pace University

Will study Dance and major in Business

Diana Acetun Sic

Accepted into Penn State University

Planning to pursue a career in Forensic Psychology

Diana has been a Varsity Cheerleader for 3 years and Co-Captain for 1 while maintaining a 4.3 GPA and participating in local church groups

Dasia Bethea

Accepted into Temple University

Will major in Accounting

Dasia has been a Varsity Cheerleader for 3 years and Captain for 2 while maintaining a 4.3 GPA and volunteering locally

Ariel Spurgeon

Accepted into Lincoln University

Will study Biology on a Pre-Med track

Ariel has been a Varsity Cheerleader for 3 years and a Co-Captain for 1 while maintaining a 3.6 GPA, been an active member of the National Honor Society and volunteering bi-weekly for her church and community

11th Grade Graduates

Cristian Garcia Camo

Al-Muquan Girard

Maria Guardado Calles

Dina Guoz Escobar

Maria Hernandez Lopez

Dulce Lopez Santos

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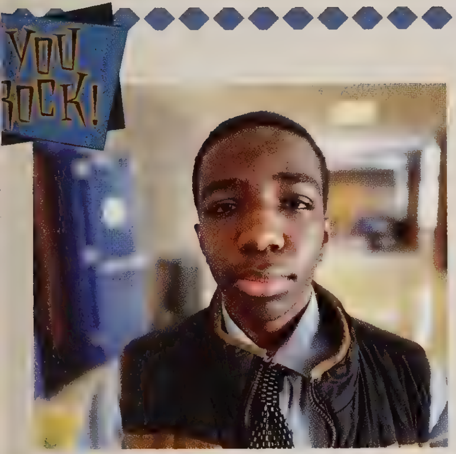
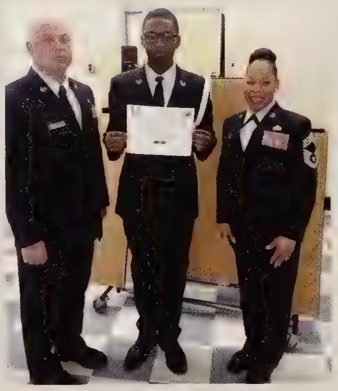


Congratulations to our PHS senior, Walter Young featured on News 12 television program called "Power and Politics" which aired on February 14, 2021. Walter along with other students from Plainfield Public Schools represented the voice of today's youth and were the only teens featured in the program discussing leadership and the future of politics

Jeffrey Camilo Tavares

Going to Union County College to pursue a degree in Computer Information Systems & Technology.

Jeffrey will start his session in the Summer of 2021



Kyshir Mclean

In the process of signing his contract and enlistment oath with the U.S. Airforce

Kyshir has been enrolled in the AFROTC program at PHS for the past two years

"I hope your dreams take you to the highest of your hopes, to the windows of your opportunities, and to the most special places your heart has ever known." -Lena Taylor

SPIRIT WEEK

Monday
2/8

Seniors Shine

Tuesday
2/9

Seniors Snackin'

FEBRUARY 8-12, 2021

Wednesday
2/10

Senior Spotlight

Thursday
2/11

School Spirit Day

Friday
2/12

Family & Friends Day

STRONGER TOGETHER!

"I BLEED CARDINAL RED FOR DETERMINATION" -Nicolas Acosta

You can't mask our CARDINAL PRIDE!

PHS

Did you know...
54.3% of Seniors prefer
a Red
sports car

CLASS OF 2021

"I wish there was a way to know you're in the good old days, before you've actually left them. Someone should write a song about that." (The Office)

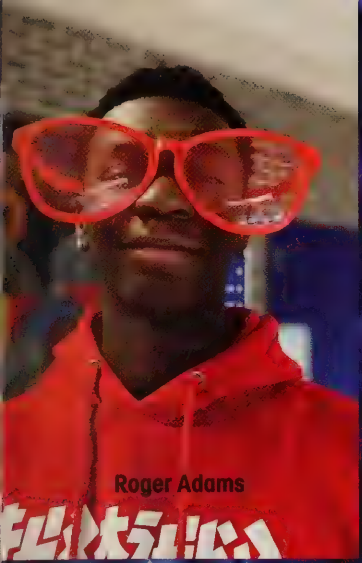
-Abigael Benoit

OUR FUTURES ARE BRIGHT

Calvin Saxon Jr.

SENIORS SHINE

"I BLEED CARDINAL RED FOR THE INSPIRATION OF FLYING." -Aminah Casseus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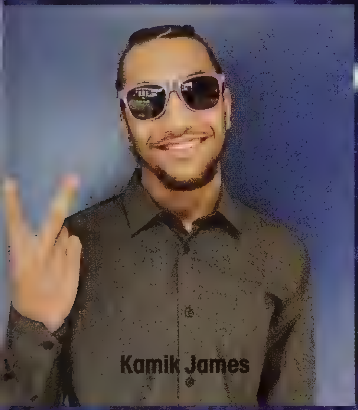
Sinamin Ramsey

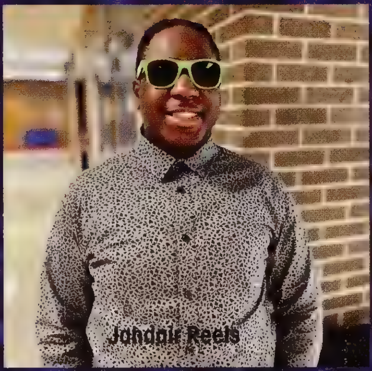
Jessica Ovalles

FEBRUARY 2021

Amina Cosseus


Kamik James

Dulce Lopez Santos


Jahdair Reels

Gisela Zavala Castilo

Lena Taylor and Kimberly Santana

Ja'son Spe[illegible]

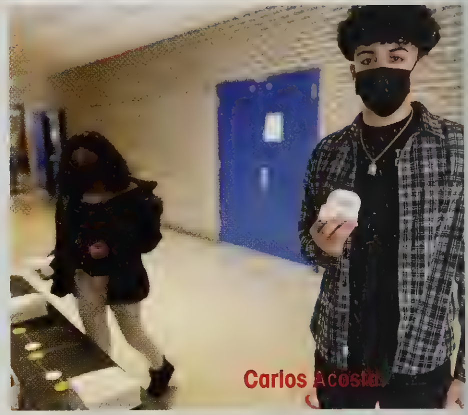
Rashidi Nelson

Ra-Niyah and Emmanuel

"Sometimes you have to lose in order to win." -Destiny Jordan

SENIORS SNACKIN'

FEBRUARY 2021



Seniors enjoyed a snack from the Yearbook Advisors during Spirit Week after posing for their senior portraits. They came out super hungry! We tried to make it special by incorporating ways for them to enjoy different activities while social distancing.

"I BLEED CARDINAL RED FOR MY CHEER TEAM." -Nayah Doyle

WE LOVE DONUTS-WE LOVE DONUTS-WE LOVE DONUTS-WE LOVE DONUTS

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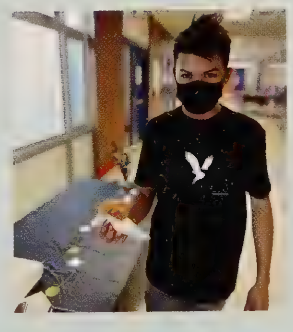


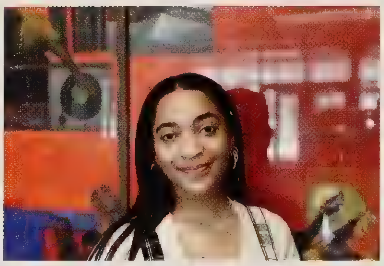
Go confidently in the direction of your dreams and live the life you've imagined." -Yeiline Henriquez Urena

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Jasmin Perez

Most likely to: Travel the world

Where do you see yourself in 10 years:
Staring a family or traveling



Destiny Jordan

Most likely to: Write a best selling novel

Where do you see yourself in 10 years:
Starting an event planning business

Ryan Garcia

Most likely to: Become President of the United States

Where do you see yourself in 10 years:
Working my dream job in Ohio

CLASS

CELEBRATING SENIOR VISIONS

Darin Garcia Escobar

Most likely to: Become Famous

Where do you see yourself in 10 years:
Starting my own construction company

Samiyah Muhammad

Most likely to: Get married

Where do you see yourself in 10 years:
Traveling and living in my dream apartment

Melina Coleman

Most likely to: Win an Olympic gold medal

Where do you see yourself in 10 years:
With a big house and family, living my dream life in Texas as a Private Investigator

"I BLEED CARDINAL RED FOR SCHOOL SPIRIT" -Damian Rivera

Amy Cerrato

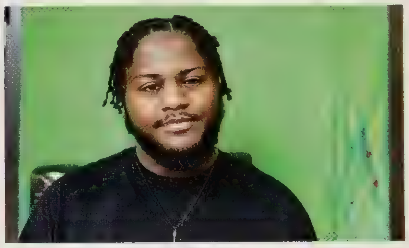
Most likely to: Fight for Social Justice

Where do you see yourself in 10 years:
Helping kids with special needs

Eduardo Perez Lopez

Most likely to: Take over the world

Where do you see yourself in 10 years:
Join the army to serve the country



Calvin Saxon Jr.

Most likely to: Be on reality TV

Where do you see yourself in 10 years:
Become a Professional Wrestler

QUEST TO BE THE BEST!

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THAT'S THE WAY WE'LL DO IT!

Genry Cojon Cortez

Most likely to: Travel the world

Where do you see yourself in 10 years:
Owning my own electric company

Justin Burgarin

Most likely to: Take over the world

Where do you see yourself in 10 years:
Conducting research at a pharmaceutical company

Alexia Lopez Parco

Most likely to: Fight for Social Justice

Where do you see yourself in 10 years:
Becoming a Lawyer

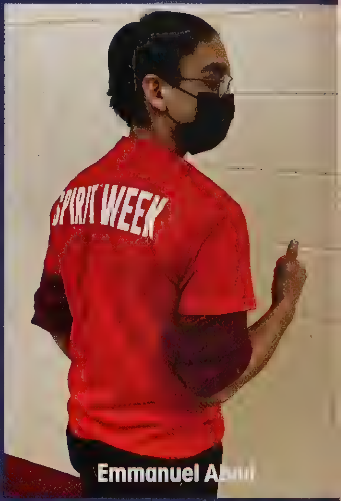
"Have the gumption to push through and become it's successor." -Al-Muquan Girard

School Spirit Day

February 2021

Briana Fort

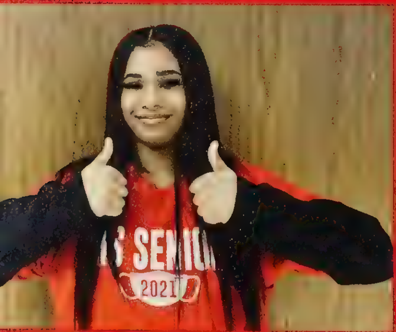
Seniors were surprised with school spirit shirts when they were finished taking their senior pictures. They got to display their feelings and shine for school spirit .



Emmanuel A[illegible]

Sanaa Anderson Cook

WE ARE THE CARDINALS!



Ra'Niyah Harrison

Tristan Dixon

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HOME OF THE
CARDINAL

"I BLEED CARDINAL RED FOR PEACE ON EARTH." -Mayra Garcia

dwin, Joe, Augusto and Diana

Welcome to
PLAINFIELD HIGH SCHOOL
Home of the "MIGHTY CARDINALS"
On the wings of Knowledge, Wisdom and Understanding
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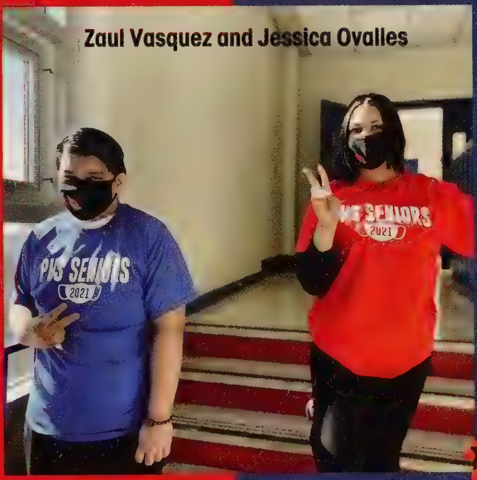
Messiah Hannu

Jahdair Reels

SHOWING OFF OUR CARDINAL PRIDE!

Sydney Roach



Zaul Vasquez and Jessica Ovalles

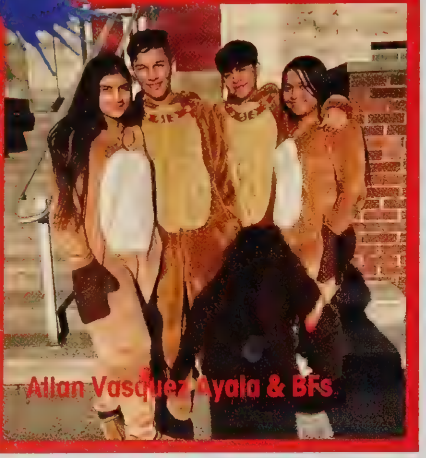
Diana Serrano

Yaritza, Sindy, Yeimy and Merari

Rashidi and Nevaeh N

Together we are one!

"Dreams become a reality as long as you have the courage to pursue them." -Gabriela Montoya Espinosa



Allan Vasquez Ayala & BFs

Diana Garcia and Family

Yeimy Ratliff Flores
and Best Friend

Aminah Casseus and Mom

Kimberly Santana and BFs

Family & Friends Friday

Sah-nya Goffe and
Best Friend

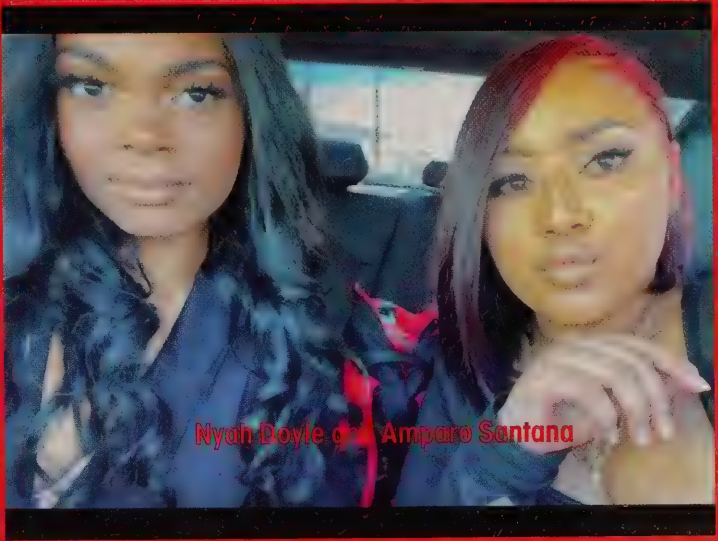
[illegible] and Best Friend

Al-Muquan Girard and Family

I BLEED CARDINAL RED FOR MY COMMUNITY." -Eaton Brown

February 2021

Destiny Blevins and Best Friend


Nyah Doyle and Amparo Santana

Nevaeh and Rashidi Nelson and Family

Ra'Niyah Harrison and Family

Lena Taylor and Family

Kyshir McL[illegible] and Best Friend

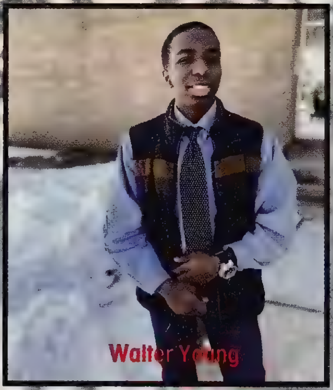
""Dream and follow them until you reach them. Run fast because they fly and disappear in the time." -Melvin Aguilar

Winter Wonderland

Kyshir Mclean

Ruth Batista Bencosme

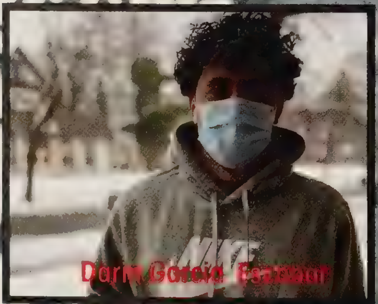
Joseph Moya Carvajal


Walter Young

Aminah Casseus

Nor'easter 2021

Destiny Jordan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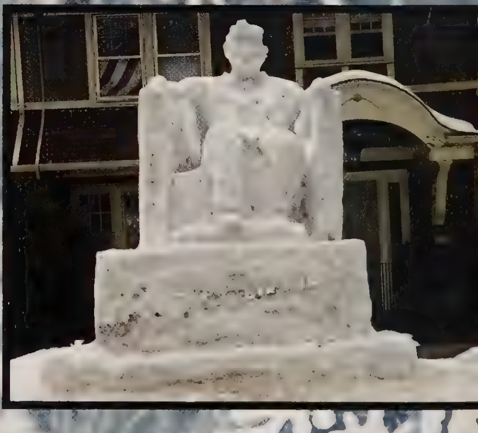
Melvin Aguilar Carranza

Jazmin Perez



"I BLEED CARDINAL RED FOR FITNESS" - Emmanuel Abad

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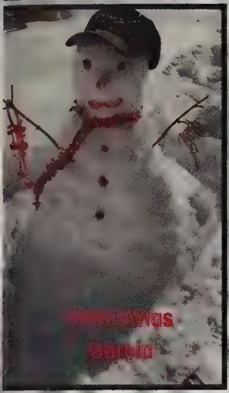
Senior Snow Blast

Damian Rivera

Aminah Casseus

Jayden Noble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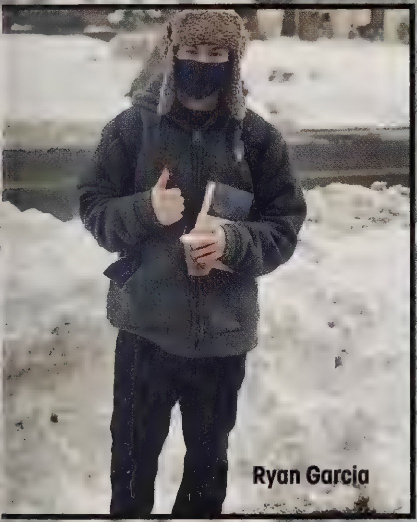
Cristopher Mendez


Ryan Garcia

Albright Obode

Daniel Suarez Pineda

"Live as if you were to die tomorrow, learn as if you were to live forever" Gandhi -Natalie Asencio

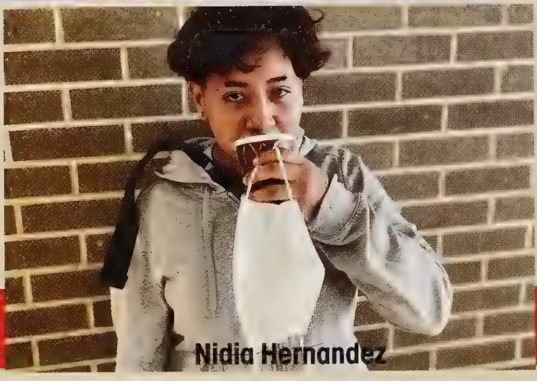
Did you know...
Plainfield got 15.0 inches of snow during this Nor'easter

National Hot Chocolate Day

Erick Chach Gomez

Daniel Suarez Pineda

Melina Coleman


Nidia Hernandez

Damian Rivera

Sydney Roach

Teaerrah Riley

Eaton Brown

Samiyah Muhammad

Santiago Jimenez

Mayra Garcia

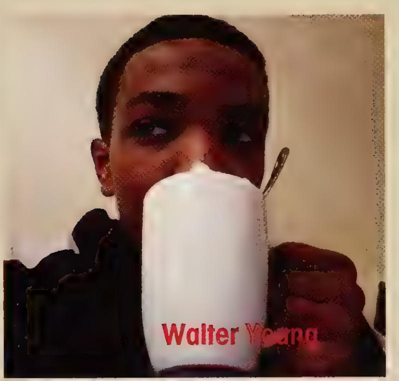
Did you know...

Many believe that the first hot chocolate drink was made by the Mayans about 2,000 years ago. The drink was actually brought to the new world from Mexico.

"I BLEED CARDINAL RED FOR SCHOOL SPIRIT"- Egypt Hamilton

Ryan Garcia

Leslie Alvarez.


Walter Young

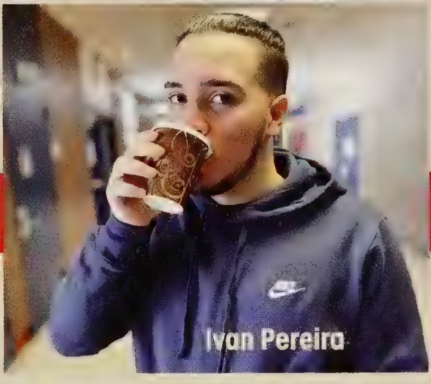
Destiny Jordan

Damien Wilkerson Jr.

Mishell Santana Reyes

Seniors were asked how they make their hot chocolate:

***203** with water*
***130** with milk*

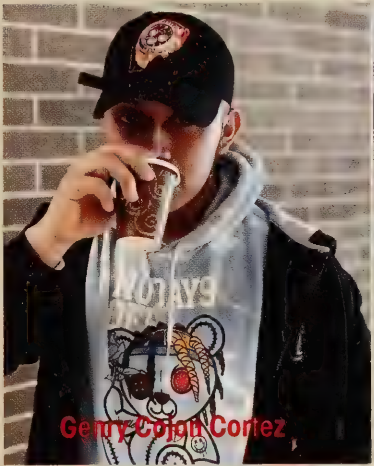

Ivan Pereira

Michael Jaramillo

Al-Muquan Girard

Kiara Rosa

Holiday Wishes!
Lena Taylor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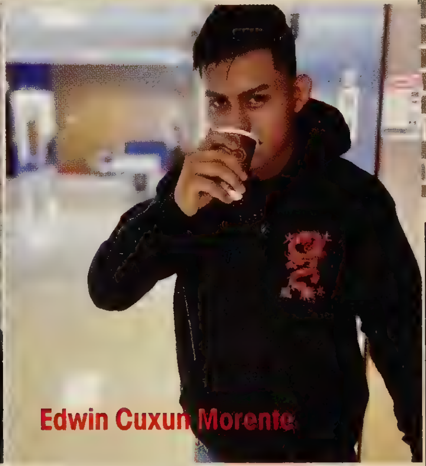

Edwin Cuxun Morente

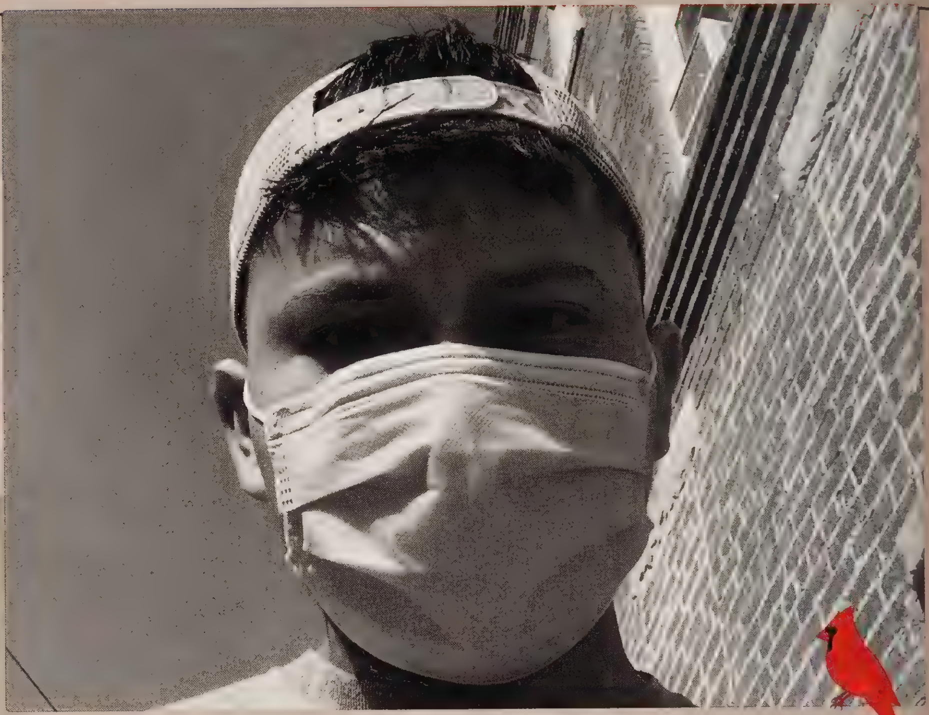
"You can do more than you think is possible." -Walter Young

Fact:

A study conducted by Cornell University has shown that hot chocolate contains more antioxidants than wine and tea, therefore reducing the risk of heart disease.

Saturday Selfies

Quaozian [illegible]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Ja'son Spann

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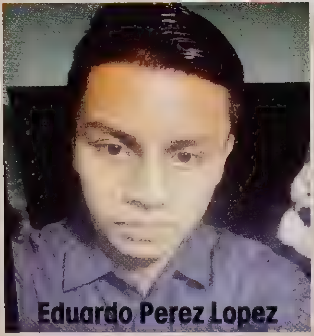
Mirian Matzatz Colaj

Nicol Antonio Veras

Genesis Melgar Maldonado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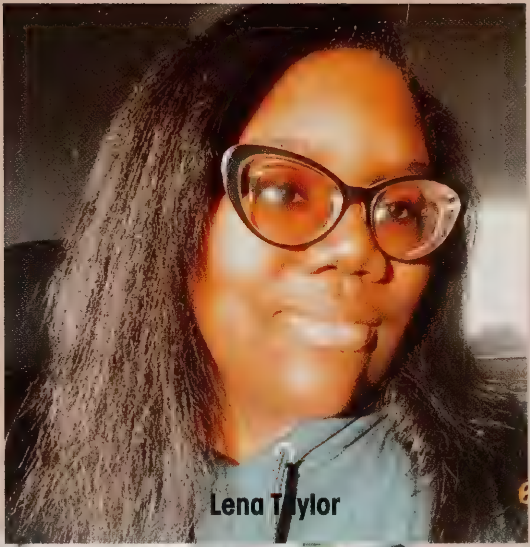
"I BLEED CARDINAL RED FOR SPORTS." -Emanuel Sutton

Melina Coleman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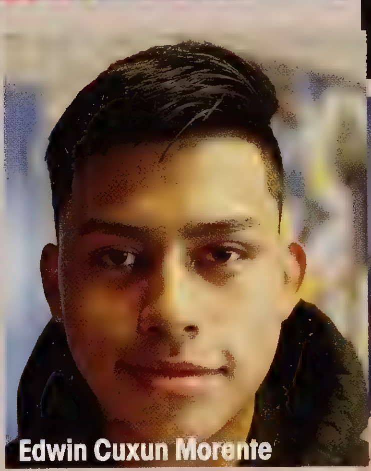

Edwin Cuxun Morente

Diana Garcia

"The world will see you as you see you, and treat you as you treat yourself." -Destiny Jordan

Kayla Sherman

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Plainfield High School Student Art Work is featured on this page.

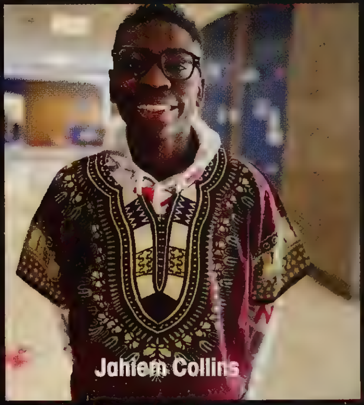
Lydie Bataille

Aaliyah & Anaya Brown

Kokalinda Berry

By: Brenda Babulal

Nyah Doyle

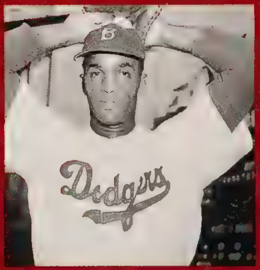


Jahiem Collins

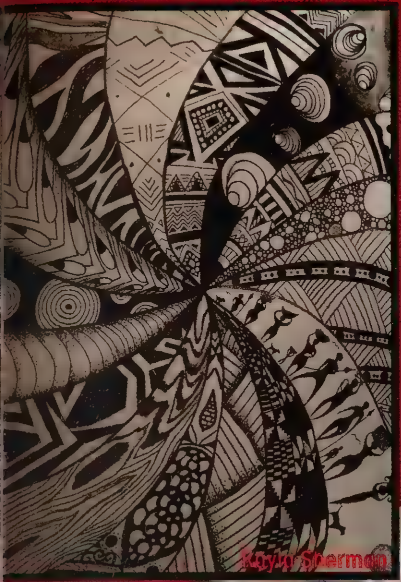
"If there is no struggle, there is no progress."
Frederick Douglas

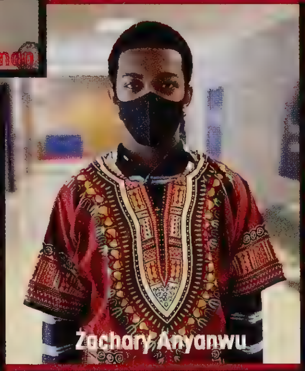
Did you know....

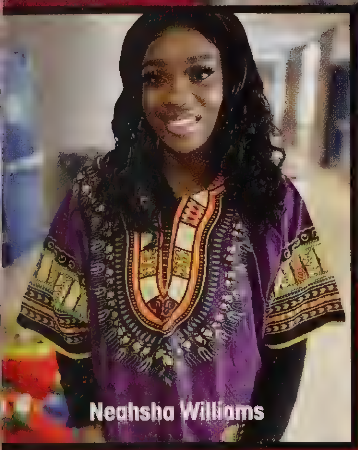
Milt Campbell, from Plainfield, was the first African American to earn the1956 Olympic Decathlon gold medal.

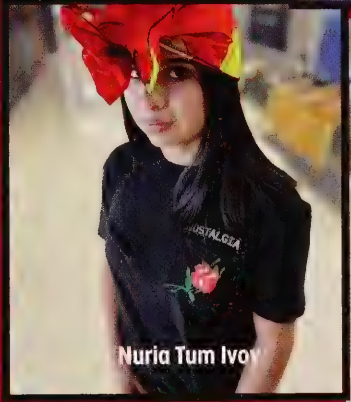


Joe Black, from Plainfield, was the first African American pitcher to win a World Series game.







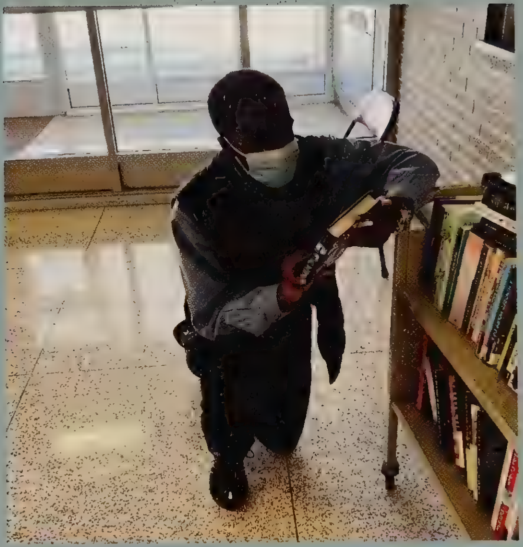


Vic Washington, born in Plainfield, is a former football running back for the National Football League.

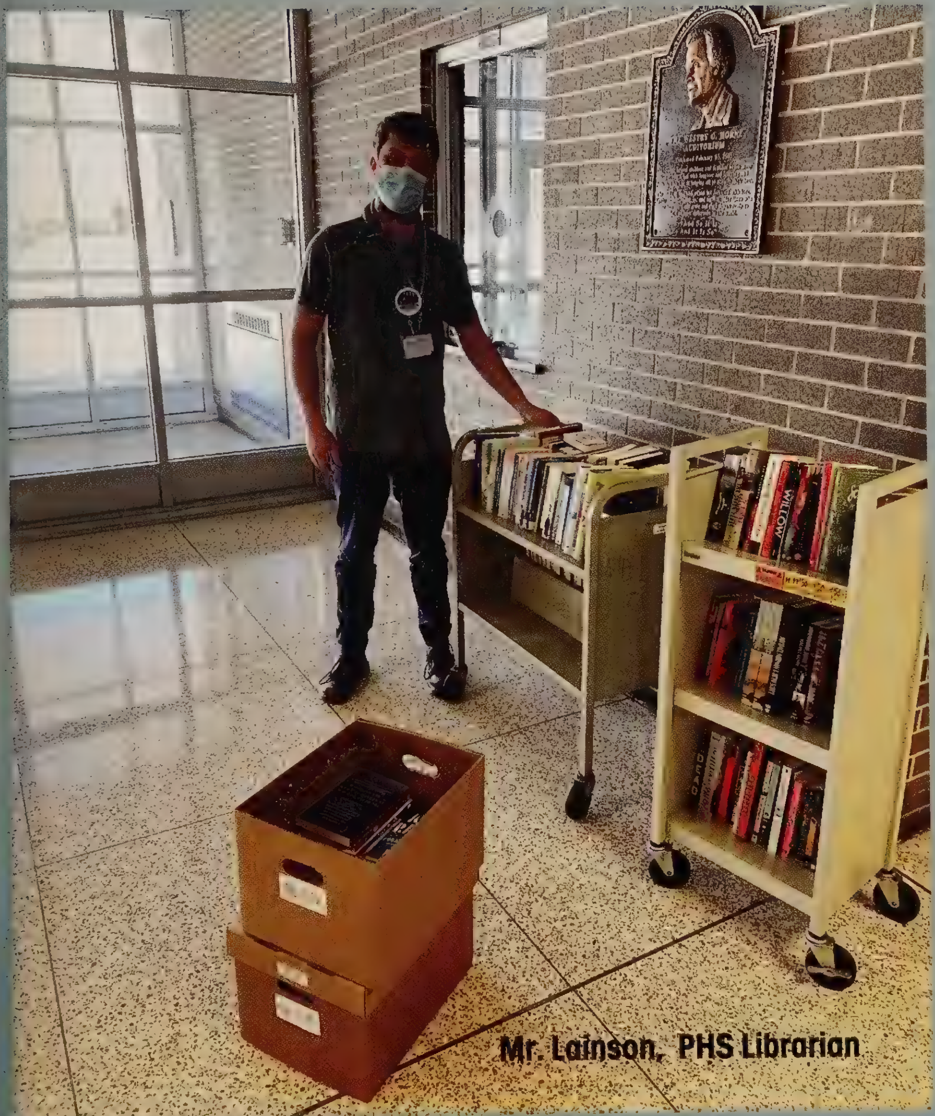
The famous band called P-Funk originated while George Clinton was working in a Plainfield barbershop.

Knowledge is Power

"I BLEED CARDINAL RED FOR EQUALITY." Roger Adams



NJEA Book Giveaway


Mr. Lainson, PHS Librarian

The books were donated by NJEA through a program called "Bridge of Books." Close to 2,000 books were donated in English and Spanish. There was supposed to be an event to give the books out to students in March of 2020, but it was canceled due to the pandemic.

Seniors got a chance to choose a book after taking senior pictures.

"It's nice to see that even without an event, students have access to this great literature."
-Mr. Lainson

"Some people need to just stop thinking about everything they do and just do it.
–Mack Miller" -Kimberly Santana

SENIOR SUPERLATIVES

SENIOR SUPERLATIVES

Most Likely to Inspire Others
Zakir Salaman

Most Likely to Brighten Someone's Day
Melina Coleman

Class Clown
Tristan Dixon

Class of

Best Hair Cut
Oscar Sipaque

Biggest Smile
Briana Fort

SENIOR SUPERLATIVES

SENIOR SUPERLATIVES

Most School Spirit
Kimberly Santana

Social Media Famous
Joshua Cordoba

2021

Friendliest
Damian Rivera

Most Likely to Make a Million Dollars by 30
Kyshir McLean

Best Dressed
Yusuf Marsh

SENIOR SUPERLATIVES

SENIOR SUPERLATIVES

SENIOR NIGHT

MEET THE COACHES:
Basketall: Coach M. Gordon and Assistant Coach R. James
Cheerleading: Coach S. Smith

SENIOR VARSITY PLAYERS

#22

#00

#55

#3

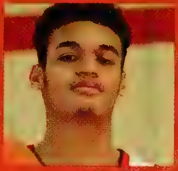
#1

#21

#4

#11

#32


#2

#23

#22

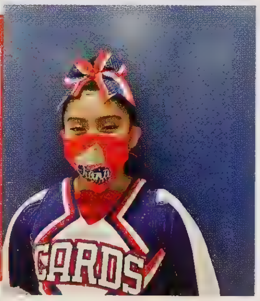
CHEERLEADERS

MEET THE CAPTAINS

CAPTAIN

"One day at a time."
Unknown

DIANA ACETUN SIC



CAPTAIN

"If you don't fight for what you want, don't cry for what you lost." -Will Smith

DASIA BETHEA

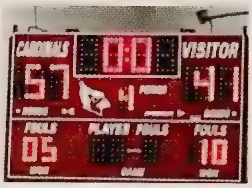
CAPTAIN

"Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better." - Maya Angelou

ARIEL SPURGEON

SENIOR BLOWOUT!

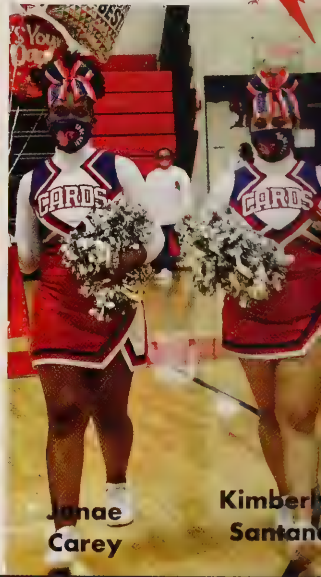
SENIOR BLOWOUT!

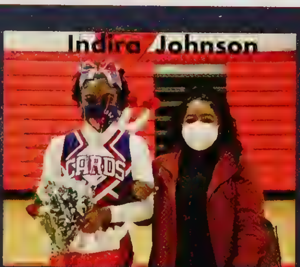


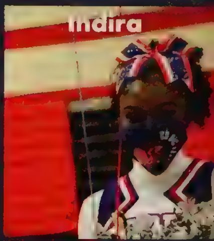
SENIOR BLOWOUT!

On February 26, 2021, the senior Cheerleaders and Varsity Basketball team were presented with flowers and a t-shirt while walking out with a family member for Senior Night.

On February 26, 2021, the new high school, student led journalism project, Queen's TV Network, also known as QTN, conducted their first athletics liv stream broadcast during the Varsity Boys Basketball game, Plainfield vs. Union Catholic. The half time show was brough to you by Senior Night.

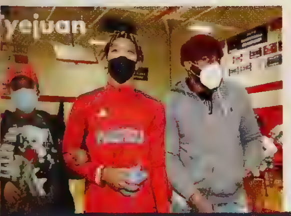


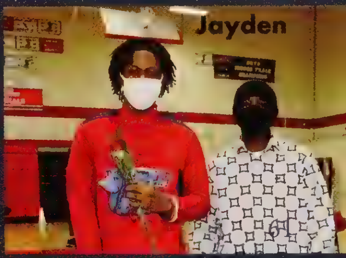




TEAM ROSTER

Girl's Varsity		
Aahiah Lewis	#22	PG
Boy's Varsity		
Joshua Cordoba	#11	F
Tahmir Ellis	#13	F
Augusto Garcia	#22	G
Trevor Gittens	#12	F
Jymirr Harvey	#3	PG/SG
Marcus Malo	#4	PG
Da'ron Montgomery	#1	SG
Asaad Morris	#24	G/F
Jayden Noble	#23	F
Albright Obode	#32	C
Chimeziri Okeoma	#10	PG
Felix Romero	#00	PG
Tyejuan Taylor	#55	SG/F
Dajuan Thomas	#21	SG
Darius Thompson	#23	G/F





Girls Varsity Basketball

Meet the Coaches: J. Jackson and S. Simmons

DARE TO DUNK

Team Roster

Aajah Lewis	#22	G/F
Cazmonhi Royster	#12	JG
Saniya Jasper-Farrar	# 1	JG
Ariany Gomez	#14	JF
Jayda Wilks	#20	SG
Stephanie Barbosa	#23	JF
Maziyah Richards	# 5	FG
Abria Durham	# 15	FG/F
Ruth Roberts	#30	SF
Sierra Colvin	# 4	FF

Angelina Almonte: Team Manager/ Score Keeper

ALLEY OOP TO THE HOOP!

Aajah Lewis #22-Senior

DEFEND TILL THE END!

On February 5, 2021, the Girls Varsity Basketball team played Arthur L. Johnson High School. The Lady Cardinals won 59-51.

Varsity Football

IN THE END ZONE

Meet the Coaches: D. Soflikanich, M. Perotti, RJ Davis, R. James, M. Gordon, DJ McHugh

MEET THE CAPTAINS

Joshua Cordoba #11

Tyejuan Taylor #55

PRIDE

Senior Team Roster

Peter Billingsley-Prescott	#55	Sr.
Eaton Brown	#20	Sr.
Joshua Cordoba	#11	Sr.
Ahmad Dance	#19	Sr.
Joshua Harris	#1	Sr.
Jymir Harvey	#6	Sr.
Aahjah Lewis	#27	Sr.
Nazir Scott	#2	Sr.
Emmanuel Sutton	#50	Sr.
Tyejuan Taylor	#7	Sr.
Dajuan Thomas	#5	Sr.
Asaad Watkins	#4	Sr.
Damien Wilkerson	#51	Sr.

The Plainfield Athletic program was able to safely return our student athletes to the playing field's this fall despite the difficulties with the pandemic. While playing NJSIAA mandated abbreviated schedules, the Varsity Football Team narrowly missed our first winning season since 2006 falling to East Brunswick 21-20 to close out a very exciting comeback year! The 2020 fall season was a challenging yet rewarding one. Many thanks to our Coaches, Athletic Training staff, athletes and parents for getting our student athletes back on the field safely!

John Quinn, Director of Athletics

VICTORY

POWER

"I don't care, I play football!" - Joshua Cordoba

GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD

Meet the Coaches: R. Wilson, C. Cox an
A. Petitfrere

RUN FAST OR BE LAST

Sierra, Kaelyn, Kenia, Sayrai and Malaika

Our workout is your warm up!

Team Roster

Malaika Abramson	So.
Kaelyn Bethea	So.
Celine Brown	Jr.
Sierra Colvin	Fr.
Karla DeLeon Espinoza	So.
Amari Eubanks	Sr.
Darlin Guzman	So.
Nyashia Kitnurse	Jr.
Gladys Mendez Del Rio	Fr.
Kenia Najera	So.
Adamari Xitumul Oxlaj	So.
Camyrah Reid	Fr.
Sayrai Williams	Sr.

Congratulations to the girls Track & Field team for placing 2nd in the Valley Division at the Union County Conference Championship on May 12th & 13th. Also, congratulations to our graduating seniors Amari Eubanks and Sayrai Williams. Thank you for four years of hard work and dedication. Remember, you are part of our PHS family and we are looking forward to the many visits to come. -Coach Wilson

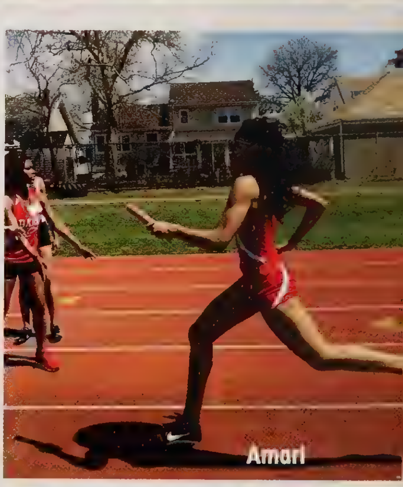
Sayria & Malaika

Amari

Nyashia

Sayrai

Adamri & Karla

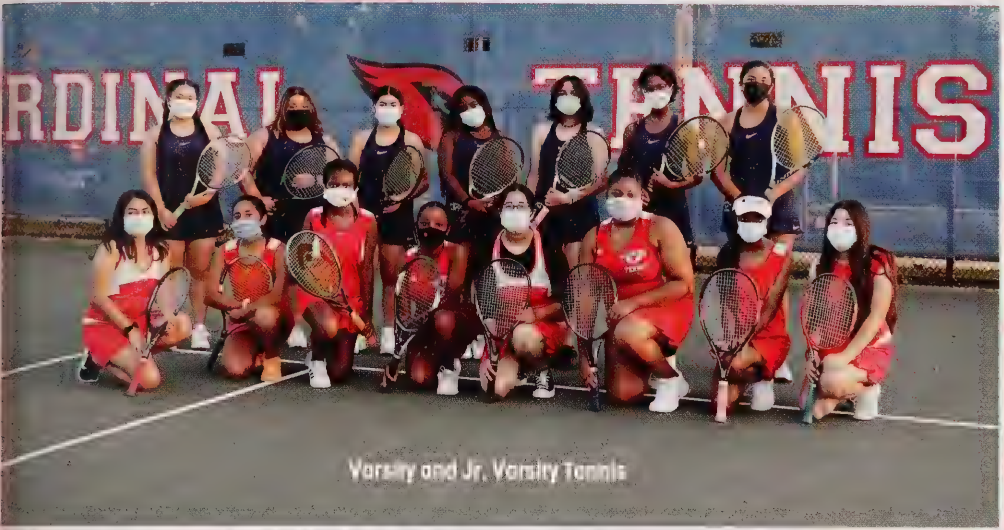

Amari

"I BLEED CARDINAL RED FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EQUALITY." -Orialys Perez

GIRLS VARSITY TENNIS

Meet the Coaches: Coach D. Cheung and Assistant Coach K. Deane

TENNIS MAKES A RACKET



Varsity and Jr. Varsity Tennis

Team Roster

Varsity	
Reina Azizie	Jr.
Seima Azizie	Jr.
Abigael Benoit	Sr.
Dayana Caluna	Jr.
Egypt Hamilton	Sr.
Semanta Urena	Sr.
Eva Woodlard	Jr.
Nataly Zelaya	Jr.
Junior Varsity	
Kelly Calderon	Jr.
Omolara Falana	Jr.
Lizbeth Gonzalez	Jr.
Milena Guerra	Jr.
Kayla Jefferson	Jr.
Joceline Portillo	Jr.
Claudia Romero	So.
Bria Wilcox	Jr.
Jayda Wilks	So.
Justin Bugarin-Manager	

Our Girls 2020 Tennis Team had a great season. Our 1st singles player, Dayana Caluna went defeated in Conference play. She also placed 7th in the Union County Tennis 1st Singles Tournament. The team also qualified for the State tournament. We have three seniors graduating, Egypt Hamilton, Semantha Urena, and Abigael Benoit. Best of luck in the future to all our Cardinal girls. -Coach Cheung & Coach Deane

I'll let the racket do the talking!

Semanta

Seima

HUSTLE

Egypt

Milena

Eva

Abigail

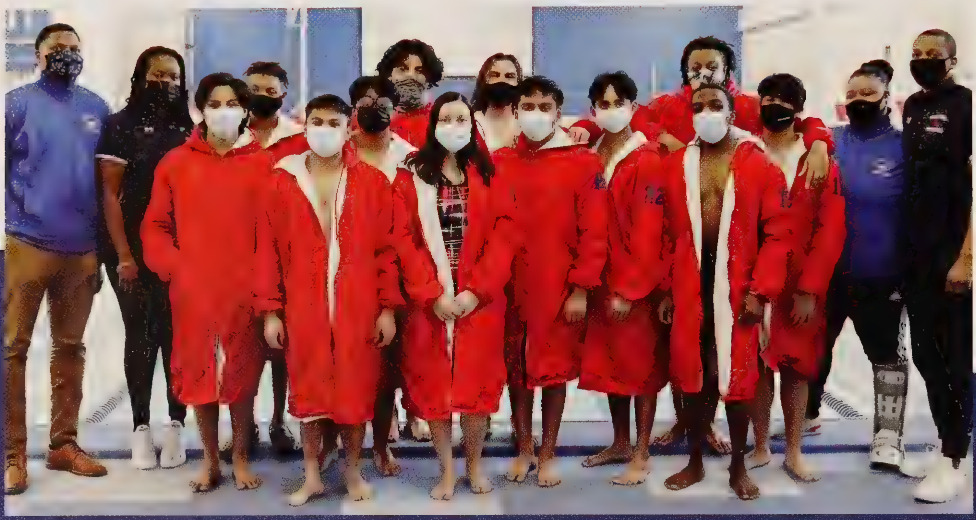
Natalie

"Only in hard times you will see the calluses of the heart and mind." -Zakir Salaman

CO-ED VARSITY SWIMMING

Meet the Coaches: Coach C. Sears and Assistant Coach C.Williams

OXYGEN IS OVERRATED



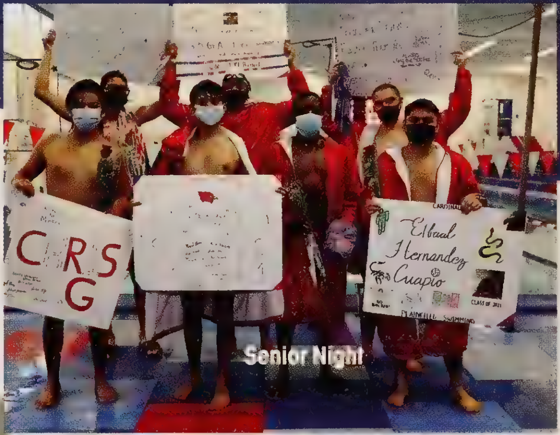
Team Roster

Jean Bentancourt Fiallos	Sr.
Jennifer Cruz	Jr.
Myles Daniel	Sr.
Asim Emory	Fr.
Christopher Guevara	Sr.
Bryan Guardado Castro	Fr.
Etbaal Hernandez	Sr.
Miguel Marin Martinez	Sr.
Kevin Nataran	Sr.
Damian Rivera	Sr.
Jadon Roche	So.
Fernando Rodriguez	So
Joel Sanchez	So.
Landon Sanchez	Sr.
Cristian Sumpango	Jr.
Walter Young	Sr.

GLIDE INTO SUCCESS

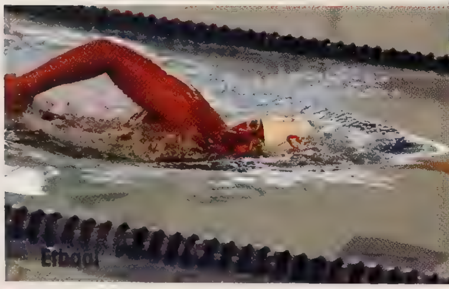
This has been a season of grit, perseverance, and dedication. I am most proud of the athlete's dedication and willingness to be a support to each other. The swim team has been known for its family atmosphere and this season was no different. In fact, this season in the midst of a pandemic was nothing short of a miracle! This season, our swimmers were not competing against an individual next to them. They were competing against the clock. We pre-conditioned our swimmers from the beginning of the season that their competition is the individual that they look at in the mirror. They always want to improve with each opportunity they are given to compete. Therefore, our athletes were ready to race the clock. We have witnessed our swimmers shatter time this year off the intrinsic motivation to achieve better times. This is a life skill that we are hoping will translate into every aspect of them becoming young adults! Lastly, we are extremely thankful for our seniors! Our seniors kept the team encouraged and continued to produce a contagious energy of positivity. That energy was the catalyst in producing a hard-fought season. We are so thankful for the seniors passing the torch in the manner, in which they passed it to the underclassmen. The seniors lead by example! That is the greatest leadership we can ask for! -Coach Sears

Jennifer



Senior Night

Christopher G.



Etbaal

Landon

Myles Daniel, Captain

BOYS VARSITY WRESTLING
SMACK DOWN

Meet the Coaches: W. Dodd, A. Petitfrere, W. Dodd, DJ McHugh, and D. Washington

MEET THE CAPTAIN

Senior

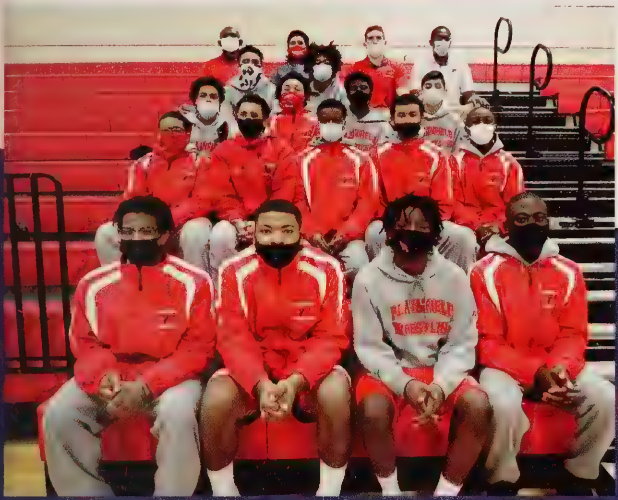
285lbs. Weight Class
2020 Region Qualifier
2020 District 13 Runner Up
1st Team All-Conference
70 career wins

Emmanuel Sutton

The team was lead this year by Captains Eaton Brown and Emmanuel Sutton. The Cardinals finished the season with a 5-8 record, and many young wrestlers in the lineup gained valuable experience. Eaton Brown qualified for the North 2 Super Region Tournament and Eaton Brown, Caleb Woolard, and Gabriel Elliot were named 1st Team All-Conference while David Broadway, Dyvi Manjivar and Emmanuel Sutton were named Honorable Mention All-Conference.
-Coach Dodd

Team Roster

Anthony Arias	Jr.
Brandon Bright	Fr.
Eaton Brown	Sr.
David Broadway	So.
Alijah Burnett	Fr.
Michael Burnett	Sr.
Jaden Castro	So.
Gabriel Elliot	Sr.
Kevin Lopez	Jr.
Dayvi Menjivar	Jr.
Bryan Rivera	Sr.
Salvador Rivera	So.
Khai Sheffield	So.
Emmanuel Sutton	Sr.
Caleb Woolard	Sr.



MEET THE CAPTAIN

Senior

152 lbs. Weight Class
2020 Region Qualifier
1st Team All-Conference
35 career wins in 2 seasons

Eaton Brown

"I BLEED CARDINAL RED FOR SCHOOL COLORS." -Alicia Tix

VARSITY BASEBALL

MEET THE COACHES: S. Radu, M Rennie, R. Morel and E. Medina

SWINGING FOR THE FENCES

MEET THE CAPTAINS

Senior

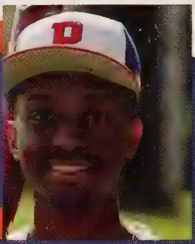
Carlos Acosta

Senior

Cameron Smith

Senior

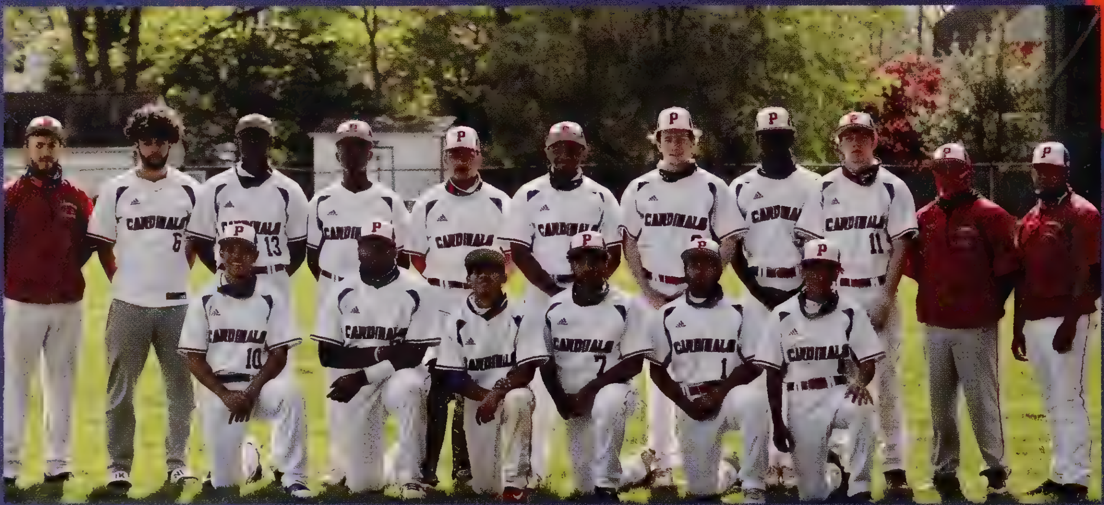
Bryan Williams



2021 Plainfield Baseball team brings back 8 returners and adds some new underclassman talent to their roster. After missing out on the season last year, the Cardinals look to make up for lost time and continue their run as 3 time defending division champions. -Coach Radu

Team Roster

Carlos Acosta	#6	Sr.
Clifford Clark	#14	Jr.
Steven Francisco	#7	So.
John Inoa	#4	So.
Lucas Kidder	#8	Jr.
Shane Kidder	#11	Fr.
Janbert Mariana	#3	Jr.
Nasir Powell	#9	So.
Aaron Roach	#13	Jr.
Erick Rodriguez	#18	Jr.
Jonaury Rodriguez	#10	So.
Cameron Smith	#17	Sr.
Daniel Suarez	#1	Sr.
Emanuel Sutton	#20	Sr.
Bryan Williams	#2	Sr.
Jayden Whitaker	Jr.	

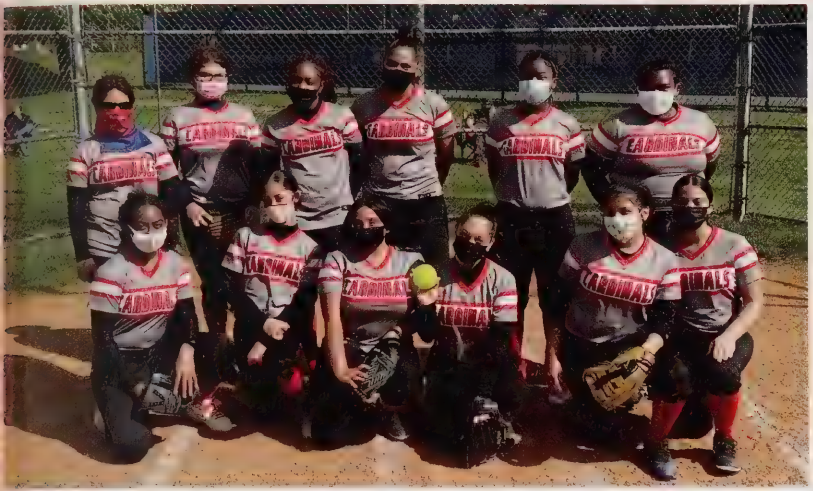


"I BLEED CARDINAL RED FOR EQUALITY OF PEOPLE." -Emely Tenorio

GIRL'S VARSITY SOFTBALL

MEET THE COACHES:: Coach D. Hale and S. Huff

NO PLACE LIKE HOME



Back Row Left to Right= Mariana Gonzales, Daniela Albares, Mykala Brown, Analdys Abreu, Jayda Wilks, Nevaeh Prince

Front Row Left to Right= Zoe Oliver, Lisanna Morel Martinez, Linsey Mejia Schulca, Georgina Diaz, Sarah Santana, Jamell Martinez

Team Roster

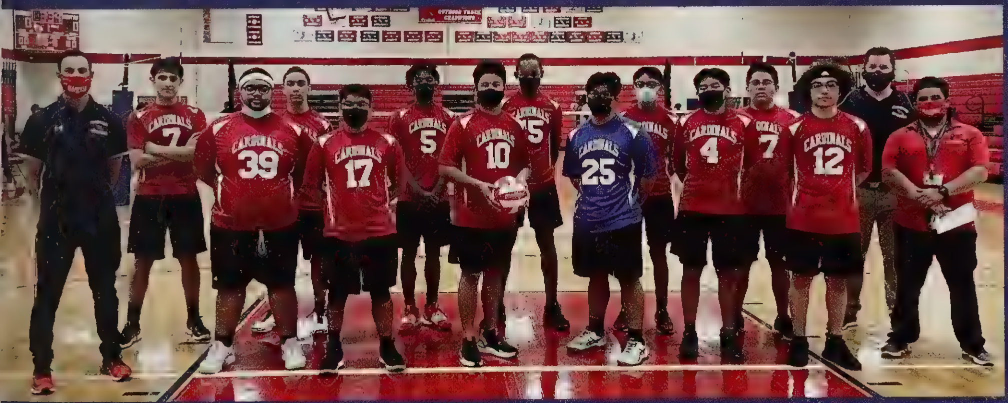
Analdys Abreu	So.
Daniela Albares	Fr.
Mykala Brown	So.
Georgina Diaz	So.
Mariana Gonzales	So.
Jamell Martinez	So.
Zoe Oliver	Fr.
Nevaeh Prince	Fr.
Ruth Roberts	So.
Nataly Ruano	Fr.
Sarah Santana	Fr.

This year is a building year for Plainfield's Varsity Softball Team. Before COVID hit last spring, we were expecting a dynamite season and looking to become three-time division champs under the direction of Head Coach Michelle Huff. Our goal this is year is to develop, we have a young team who unfortunately did not get to transition in with the seniors last year. So learning to play with each other, learning team dynamics and make sure all the pieces fit is the goal for this year. I believe once each girl understands their role as a player on the team then everything will fall into place.

BOY'S VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

MEET THE COACHES: Coach P. Schaefer and Asst. Coach W. Dodd

SERVE IT UP!



Team Roster

Derrick Aguirre	#11	Jr.
Paul Alleyne	#15	So.
Jeanpierre Betancourt	#27	Sr.
Wilmer Cruz	#12	Sr.
Etbaal Hernandez	#17	Sr.
Jaden Howell	#39	Sr.
Yusuf Marsh	#5	Sr.
Gustavo Moreno	#10	Sr.
Kevin Nataren	#25	Jr.
Emmanuel Orbe Abad	#8	Sr.
Fernando Rodriguez	#35	So.
Miguel Rodriguez	#36	Sr.
Cristian Sumpango	#1	Jr.
Anderson Tiban	#4	Sr.

MEET THE CAPTAINS

Senior

Gustavo Moreno

Junior

Kevin Nataren

After losing the season in the Spring of 2020 the Plainfield Cardinal Boys Volleyball Team, led by Senior Captain Gustavo Moreno and Junior Captain Kevin Nataren, are ready to make a name for themselves in Union County.

"They told me senior year would go fast but I never though it would zoom." -Briana Fort

GIRL'S VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

SET, SERVE, SPIKE

MEET THE COACHES:: Coach C. Sears and Assistant Coach C. Williams

We are extremely proud of our Girls' Volleyball Team. After coming off a season where we made the State tournament for the first time in the inception of our program, our girls were poised to take the team to the next level this season. However, due to COVID, our season was postponed, then shortened, and many of our athletes were not able to come back this year due to COVID and uncertainty. Despite everything, our girls are focused, dedicated, and ready to overcome each and every obstacle thrown at them this season. This is the smallest team we have had since Coach Sears and I began coaching but this group has the greatest potential we have seen in our years of coaching. We have our eyes set on another State tournament bid and we plan to make some noise in the Union County Tournament. We are enthused, we are excited, and we are together! There may be a lot of uncertainty in the world right now due to COVID-19 but we know for certain that we will attack this season as a unified team!

-Coach Sears & Asst. Coach Williams

Team Roster

Analdys Abreu	#14	So.
Mykayla Brown	#2	So.
Mirka Cordova	#9	So.
Anniyah Cox	#6	So.
Hilary Estrada	#19	Sr.
Mariana Gonzalez	#44/3	So.
Anglica Hernandez	#42	Sr.
Daniela Mino	#8	Sr.
Jennifer Saucedo	#1	Sr.
Kyra Thompson	#18	So.
Jayda Wilks	#10	So.

Angelina Almonte-Manager
Aah'Jah Lewis-Manager

SENIORS

"I BLEED CARDINAL RED FOR PEACE ON EARTH." -Myra Perez

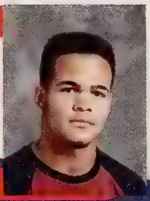
BOYS VARSITY SOCCER

ALWAYS ON BEAT

MEET THE COACHES: Coach R. Umana , Assistant Coaches E. Orlando and R. Nellie

MEET THE CAPTAINS

Senior
Melvin Funes

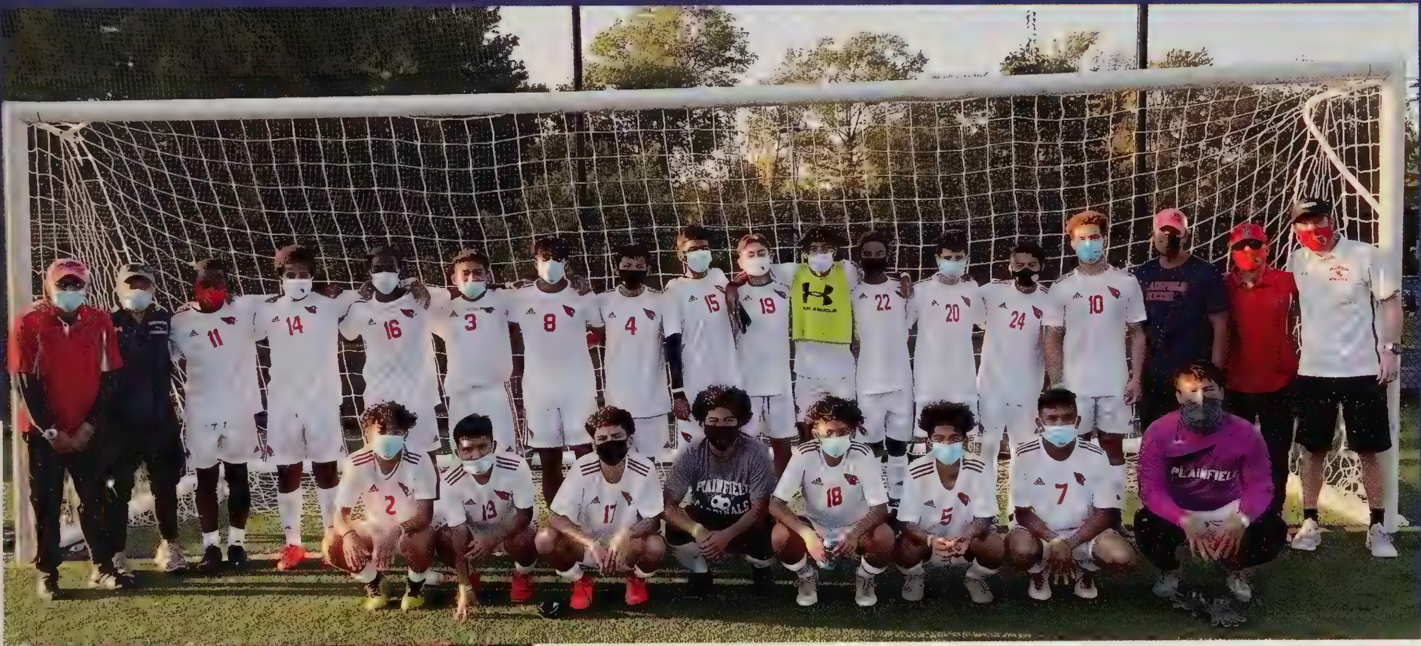

Senior
Eury Infante

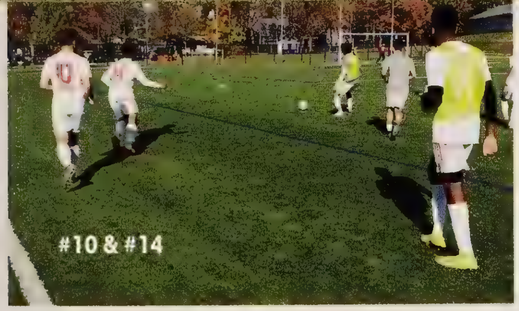
Senior
Domic Ridge

In an exciting season opener for the Plainfield boys' soccer team, Alessandro Sipaque (So.) and Victor Hernandez (So.) scored a goal apiece to lead Plainfield over Summit, 2-0, in Summit. Our Goalkeeper made seven saves to secure the shutout for Plainfield (1-0).

Team Roster

Alex Arriola	#25	Fr.
Mario Barrientos	#27	So.
Elijah Dore	#11	Sr.
Melvin Funes	#4	Sr.
Eury Infante	#10	Sr.
Anthony Jimenez	#22	So.
Bryan Lopez	#17	So.
Brayan Martinez	#9	Jr.
Alex Membreno	#26	Sr.
Daviey Menjivar	#3	Jr.
Emanuel Molina	#12	So.
Carlos Palacios	#19	Fr.
Eli-Manuel Pierre	#16	Sr.
Johnathan Ramirez	#23	Jr.
Dominic Ridge	#1	Sr.
Bryan Rivera	#2	Sr.
Fernando Rodriguez	#21	Sr.
Brandon Sanchez	#6	Jr.
Alessandro Sipaque	#18	So.
Daniel Suarez	#0	Sr.
Thomas Vasquez	#14	Jr.
Paul Villalobos	#8	Jr.

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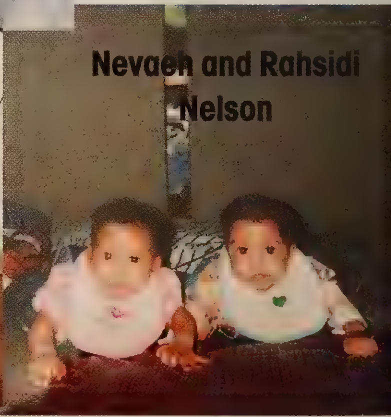
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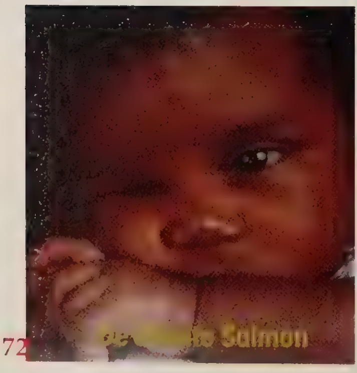
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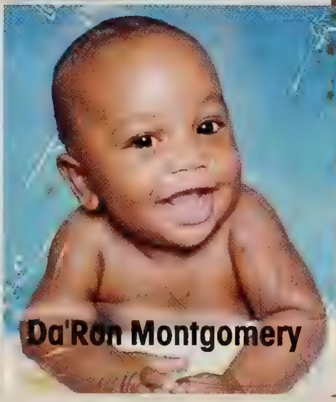
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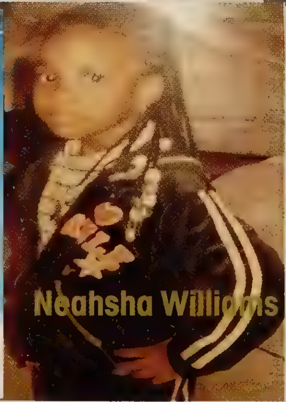
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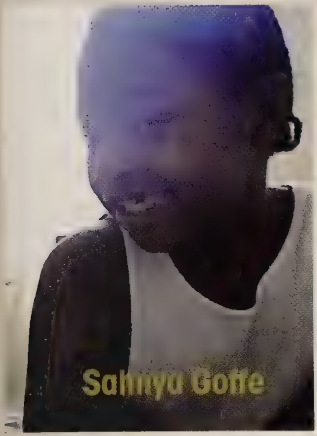
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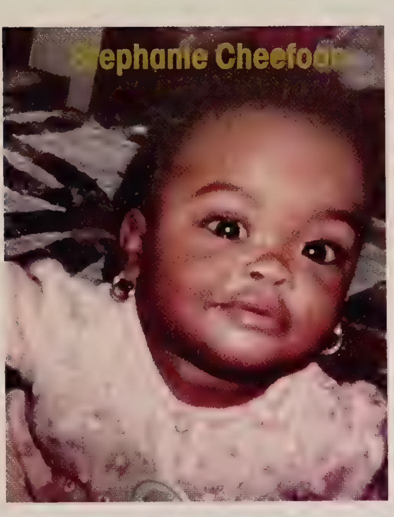
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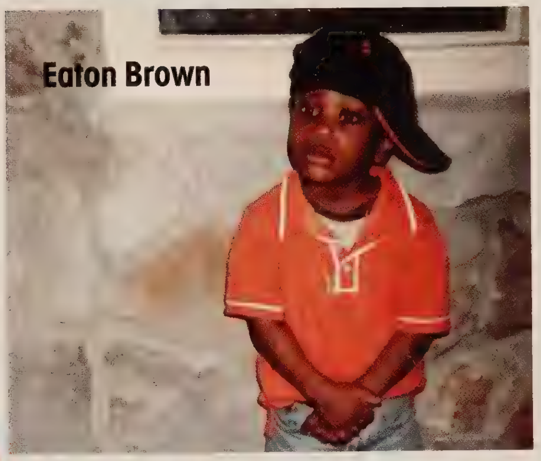
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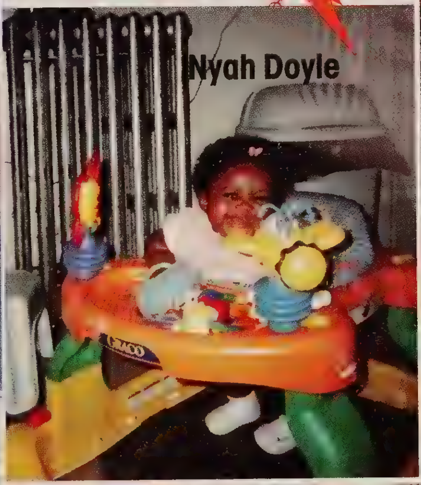
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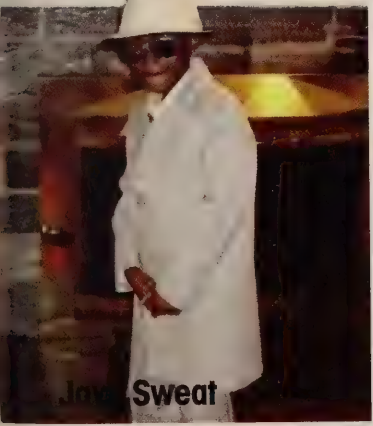
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Ivan Pereira
Class of 2021

We love you,
Papi and Mami

Congratulations
Kamik Jr.

We are so proud of you.
Always follow your heart.

Love, Your family

Congratulations
Al-Muquan Girard
Class of 2021

You were always my shining star. I've always told you that hard work pays off. Look you did it!! I'm so proud of the young man your becoming. Whatever path God chooses for you, I know you will do great things in life with hard work and determination. Guess what, I'll be there every step of the way.

LOVE YOU ALWAYS, MOM-DUKES

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Wishing you all the best in your future endeavors,

Nothing in life is impossible!

You did it!

Don't underestimate the power of your dreams!

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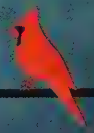
We're so PROUD of you!

Dream BIG!

Reach for the stars!



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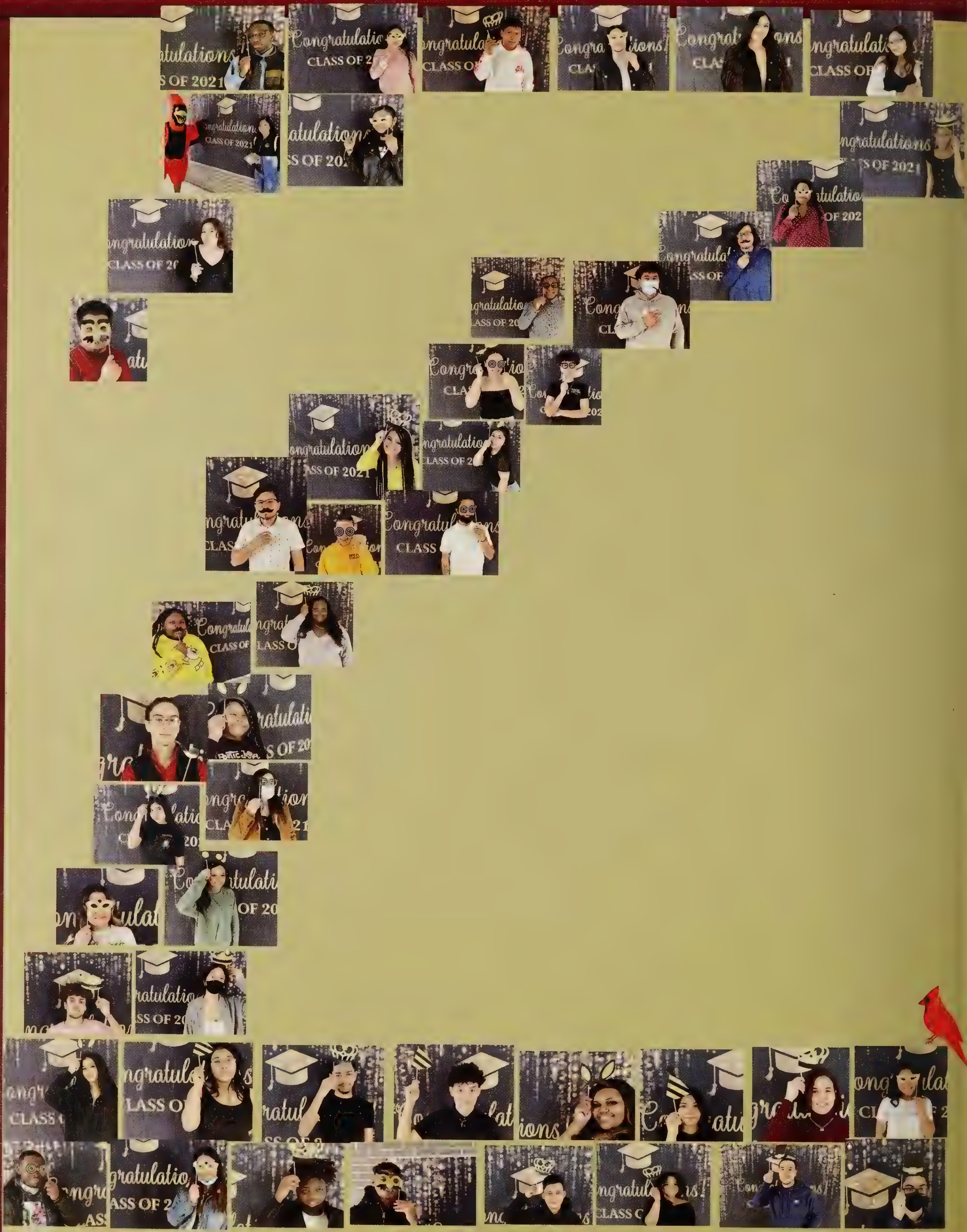
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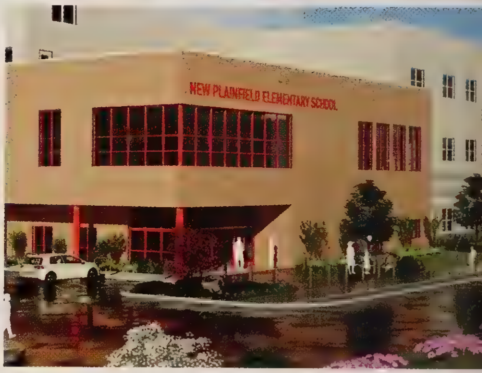

BLACK LIVES MATTER AWARENESS MARCH

In light of the tragic murder of George Floyd, students from Plainfield, North Plainfield, and South Plainfield took to the streets of Plainfield to march in support of the Black Lives Matter movement. The purpose of the march was to increase awareness of injustices and inequities that exist within our communities and schools in order to partner and strategize ways to address them.

DRIVE BY BIRTHDAYS

The traditional way of celebrating birthday parties became a thing of the past during the COVID-19 pandemic. With hopes of flattening the curve and combating the virus, people had to remain in isolation and avoid crowds. As such, gathering in large groups at birthday parties became a thing of the past and "Drive- by" birthday parties became the new normal. A parade of decorated cars drove down the street of the celebrated individual. While driving, the drivers honked their horns and sometimes dropped off presents to celebrate the special day of the birthday boy or girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Booker

The Plainfield Board of Education voted the name of the new school being built at Woodland School. The new school will be renamed to the Charles and Anna Booker School. The school was named in honor of two longtime civil rights leaders in Plainfield who won the 1965 case of Charles B. Booker v. Board of Education of Plainfield to desegregate Plainfield Public Schools. Mr. Booker was an Army Veteran and worked for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs as well as for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Mrs. Booker was the first African American teacher in Metuchen and was later hired by Plainfield and retired after 20 years of service.

2020–2021

WORLD BEAT

This year's top headlines in technology, sports, music, movies and pop trends

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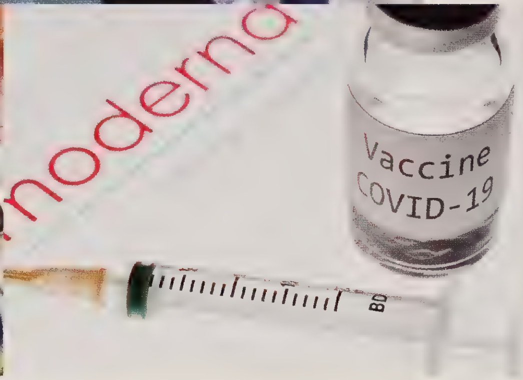
SCHOOL REIMAGINED

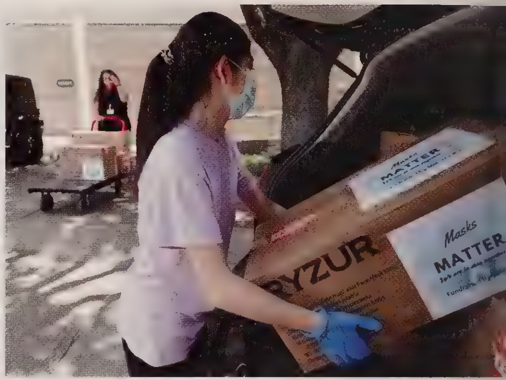
The story of this school year really starts in March 2020. As news of COVID-19's arrival in the U.S. spreads, schools close and "virtual learning" begins. At first, the closings are temporary, but as COVID-19 cases increase, most schools shut down for the rest of the year. Teachers must find ways to educate students and schools find ways to support community needs without meeting in person.

President Trump encourages states to send children back to school full time in the fall, but as COVID-19 outbreaks continue, school districts choose between "distance learning" (students at home all the time), "hybrid learning" (students in school some days and at home other days), or full time in-person learning. Changing virus statistics and state policies lead to a patchwork of on-off school sessions and activities around the U.S.

COVID-19 VOCABULARY

CURBSIDE PICKUP: avoiding entering stores or restaurants. **DRIVE-THROUGH TESTING:** COVID-19 testing sites with as little personal contact as possible. **FLATTEN THE CURVE:** slowing the spread over time. **MASKING:** wearing a cloth or surgical face mask covering mouth and nose. **PPE:** Personal Protective Equipment like masks and latex gloves. **SHELTERING AT HOME:** staying at home except for necessary errands or exercise. **SOCIAL DISTANCING:** staying at least 6 feet away from others. **SUPERSPREADER:** gatherings that result in numerous cases.





NO HUGGING GRANDMA

Grandparents and other older relatives are at higher risk of serious COVID-19 effects, so families work hard to keep them safe by staying away. This proves a hardship for everyone, especially on holidays and special occasions. FaceTime, Zoom and Skype allow relatives to at least talk face-to-face when they cannot be together and help lessen feelings of isolation and loneliness.

VACCINES DEVELOPED

Over 140 possible COVID-19 vaccines are in development by December 2020, the shortest vaccine development timeline in history. The first two to get U.S. approval use the COVID-19 genome to create messenger RNA (mRNA), leading host cells to create COVID-19 spike proteins and the resulting antibodies. Vaccinations start in December.

CITIZENS DELIVER PPE

As the number of COVID-19 cases rises dramatically in Washington state, New York City and New Jersey, hospital staffers and nursing home workers face shortages of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). State governments struggle to meet the needs of healthcare professionals, and ordinary Americans rush to help.

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A NEW KIND OF DANCE

With school dances cancelled due to school closures and COVID-19 concerns, teens find other ways to celebrate, such as formal-wear photo shoots and mini homecoming dances at their homes.

DRIVE-BY PARTIES

Across North America, people take to their vehicles to connect and celebrate without violating social distancing rules. Drive-by baby showers, birthday celebrations and even graduations become the norm.

QUARANTINE COMPANIONS

Dog and cat adoptions increase dramatically, probably a result of families and individuals spending more time at home. In many states, animal shelters actually run out of adoptable pets.

THANK YOU ESSENTIAL WORKERS

Stay-at-home orders did not apply to "essential" or "front-line" workers who include teachers, medical personnel, firefighters, utilities workers, law enforcement officers, military personnel, meat packers, farm workers, grocery employees, and countless others.

In New York City, residents show their appreciation for health care workers by applauding every evening. "Thank you" signs appear throughout the country.

SPACE X LIFTOFF

In the first NASA partnership with a private corporation, Elon Musk's Space X company, the first astronauts head to the International Space Station. Lifting off in Space X's "Crew Dragon," U.S. astronauts go into orbit on a U.S.-built rocket for the first time in nine years. They will spend six months in space, joining another NASA astronaut and two Russian cosmonauts.

TITLE VII LAWSUIT

The U.S. Women's National Soccer Team's claim that their working conditions are not equal to those of the U.S. Men's Team leads to a settlement in their favor. U.S. Soccer agrees to provide both teams with comparable charter flights and hotel accommodations, along with staffing numbers.

MAIL-IN VOTING

Despite COVID-19 restrictions, a record number of people vote in November, as states allow more early voting or voting by absentee ballot. Counting absentee ballots delays election results for days, leading some to challenge the results and demand state recounts. Eventually, all 50 states certify election results and Joe Biden is declared the official winner of the presidential election.

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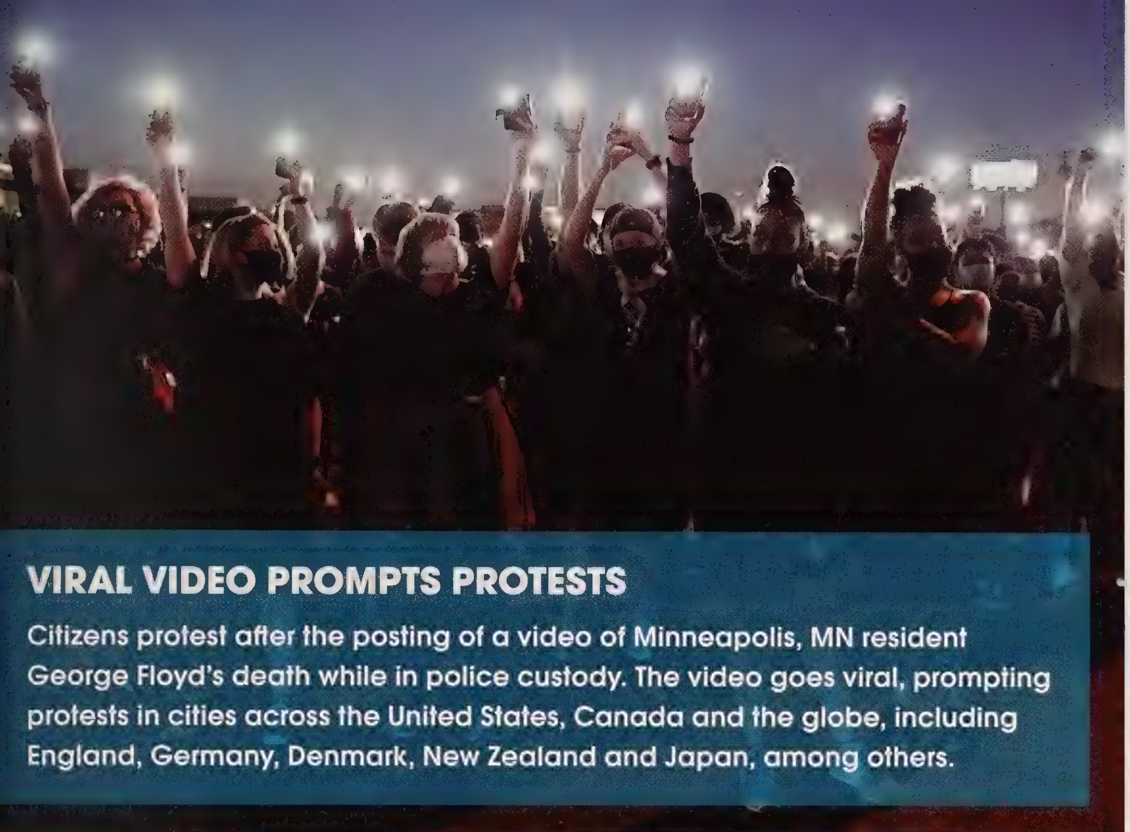
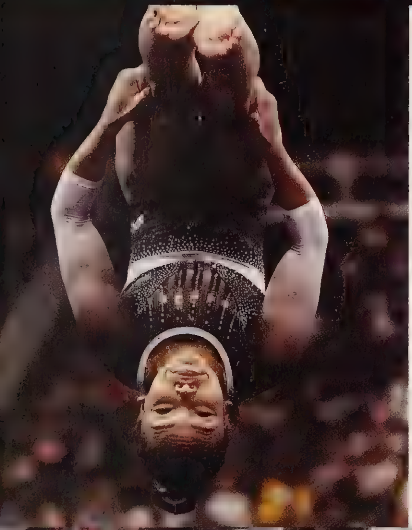


VIRAL VIDEO PROMPTS PROTESTS

Citizens protest after the posting of a video of Minneapolis, MN resident George Floyd's death while in police custody. The video goes viral, prompting protests in cities across the United States, Canada and the globe, including England, Germany, Denmark, New Zealand and Japan, among others.

SUPREME WOMEN

Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, path-breaking Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, dies of cancer in September. Ginsburg, one of nine women entering Harvard Law School in 1956, argued six landmark gender discrimination cases. President Trump nominates Amy Coney Barrett to replace Ginsburg, making her the 5th female associate justice.



OLYMPICS POSTPONED

The Tokyo Summer Olympics are postponed until 2021, but that is good news for young athletes such as gymnast Konnor McClain, who was too young to compete in the 2020 games but will turn 16 in time to compete in 2021. This is the first time that the Olympics have been postponed since WWII.

ALPHABET OF STORMS

The November formation of Tropical Storm Theta, the 29th tropical storm of the 2020 season, makes the Atlantic storm season the most active on record. The predetermined list of 21 names based on the Roman alphabet ends with "Wilfred" on September 18th. Although hurricane names have gone into the Greek alphabet before, "Theta" marks the first time storm naming delves that far into the secondary alphabet list.

FIRES RAGE

The United States experiences a record-setting wildfire season. According to the National Interagency Fire Center, over 10 million acres burn in 2020, fueled by record heat combined with tropical storm-related thunderstorms pushing into the West. In the process, they destroy 10,500 buildings in California alone. On Sept. 8 and 9, the skies along the western coast of the U.S. turn an unearthly shade of red-orange because of nearby fires and smoke.

TRAVEL CURTAILED

Airlines lost more than 50 percent of their normal business in 2020, as passengers avoided congested flight conditions and many tourist destinations, like Disneyland and Walt Disney World, shut down temporarily. Airports emptied. In response, airlines cut flight schedules, furloughed employees, and advertised new safety procedures. Forbes reported that travelers viewed Delta as the safest airline because of procedures such as leaving middle seats empty and restricting capacity. Some airlines continued to fly full flights, despite research showing airborne virus transmissions.

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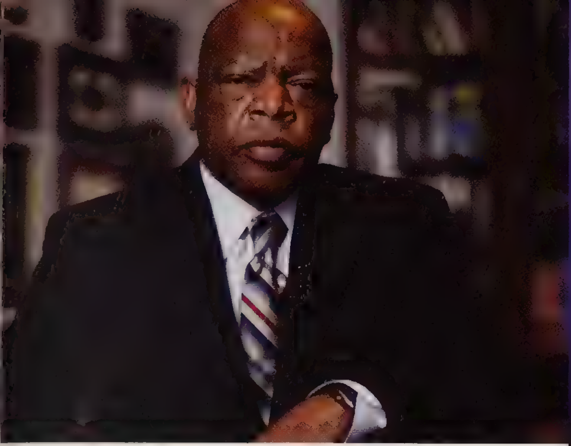
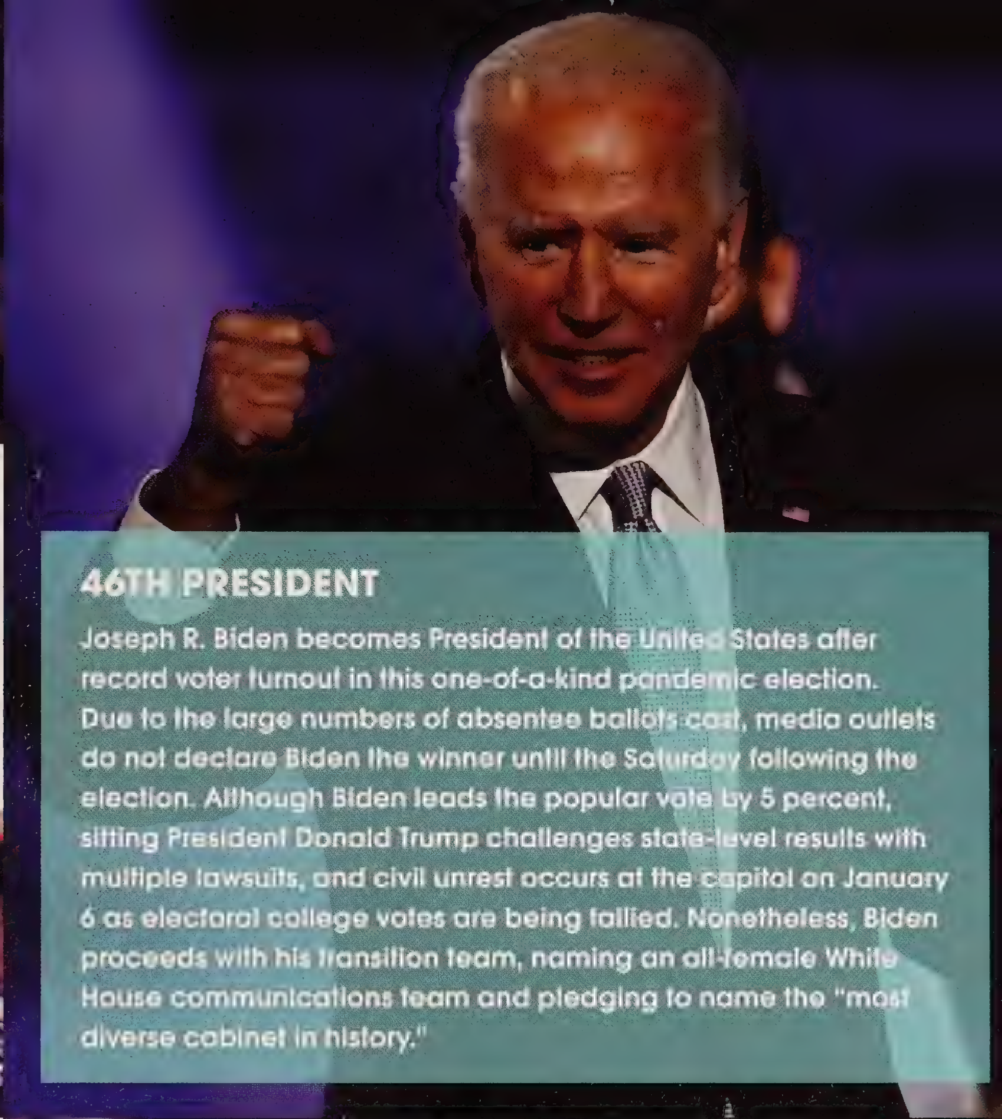


CIVIL RIGHTS ICON DIES

John Lewis, Congressman from Georgia and veteran civil rights leader, dies in July. As a young man, Lewis led the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee and was also a Freedom Rider in the 1960s.



46TH PRESIDENT

Joseph R. Biden becomes President of the United States after record voter turnout in this one-of-a-kind pandemic election. Due to the large numbers of absentee ballots cast, media outlets do not declare Biden the winner until the Saturday following the election. Although Biden leads the popular vote by 5 percent, sitting President Donald Trump challenges state-level results with multiple lawsuits, and civil unrest occurs at the capitol on January 6 as electoral college votes are being tallied. Nonetheless, Biden proceeds with his transition team, naming an all-female White House communications team and pledging to name the "most diverse cabinet in history."

STOCK ROLLER COASTER

COVID-19 affects the stock market throughout 2020. The Dow Jones Industrial Index falls almost 8 percent on March 10th and then 10 percent on March 12th, 2020, as news of COVID-19 spreads and oil prices fall. Still, stock prices climb overall for the year and the Dow Jones Industrial Average sees an overall return of over 8 percent as of December.

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VICE PRESIDENT HARRIS

Kamala Harris, the daughter of immigrants from India and Haiti, becomes the first African American and Asian American woman to win the Vice Presidency. Harris previously served as a California U.S. Senator and Attorney General, Her husband, Doug Emhoff, will also be a first – the first "Second Gentleman" of the United States.

SUPER BOWL 55

Tampa Bay wins their second title, defeating the Kansas City Chiefs, as the Buccaneers' defense and quarterback Tom Brady dominate. The match-up was a battle between the greatest quarterback of all time and the current best, Patrick Mahomes. At 43 years old, Brady is the oldest player to ever play in the Super Bowl. The game is his 10th Super Bowl and he set NFL records with this seventh win and fifth MVP. The halftime show featured entertainer The Weeknd.

ADJUSTED SPORTS SEASONS

Decisions about sports cancellations or delays are left to local governments and school districts, leading to agonizing back-and-forths. Student athletes, coaches, and school boards ride an emotional roller coaster throughout the year. A handful of states cancel fall sports completely, while others delay the season's start or move fall sports to the spring. Parent protests often convince local governments to reverse unpopular decisions. Although many states do not initially change fall schedules, COVID-19 outbreaks lead to unplanned delays.

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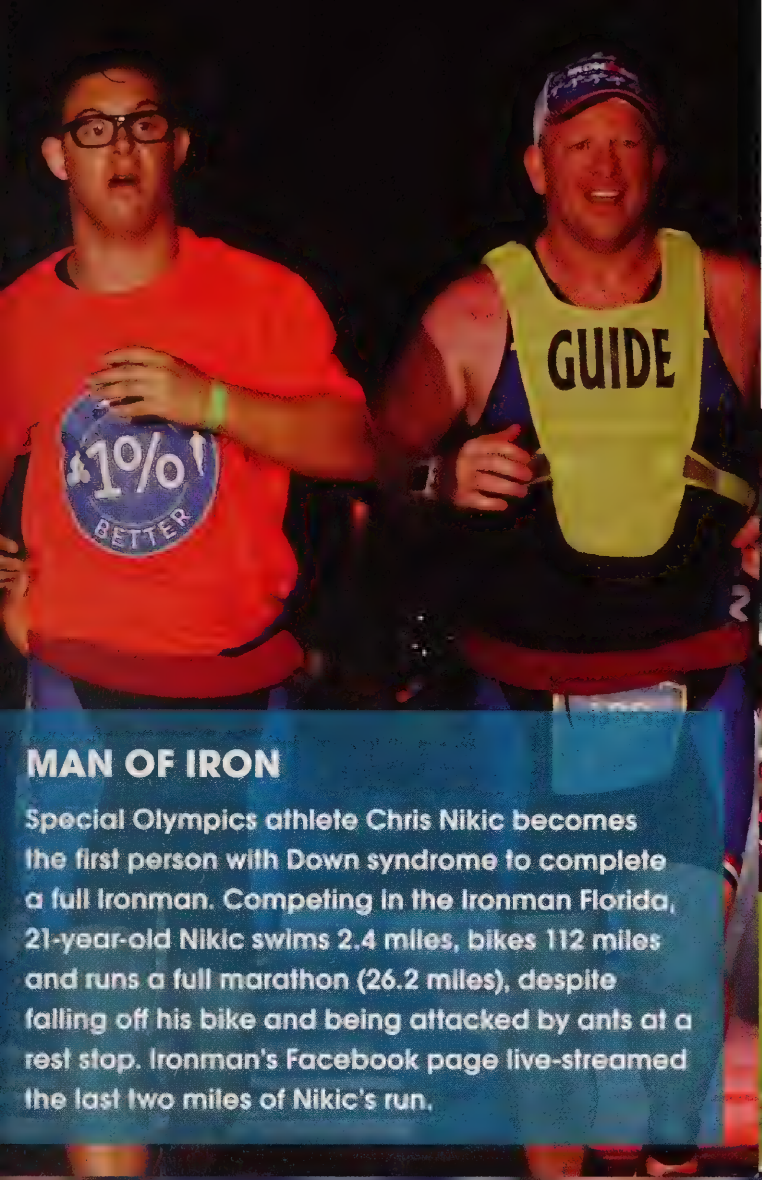
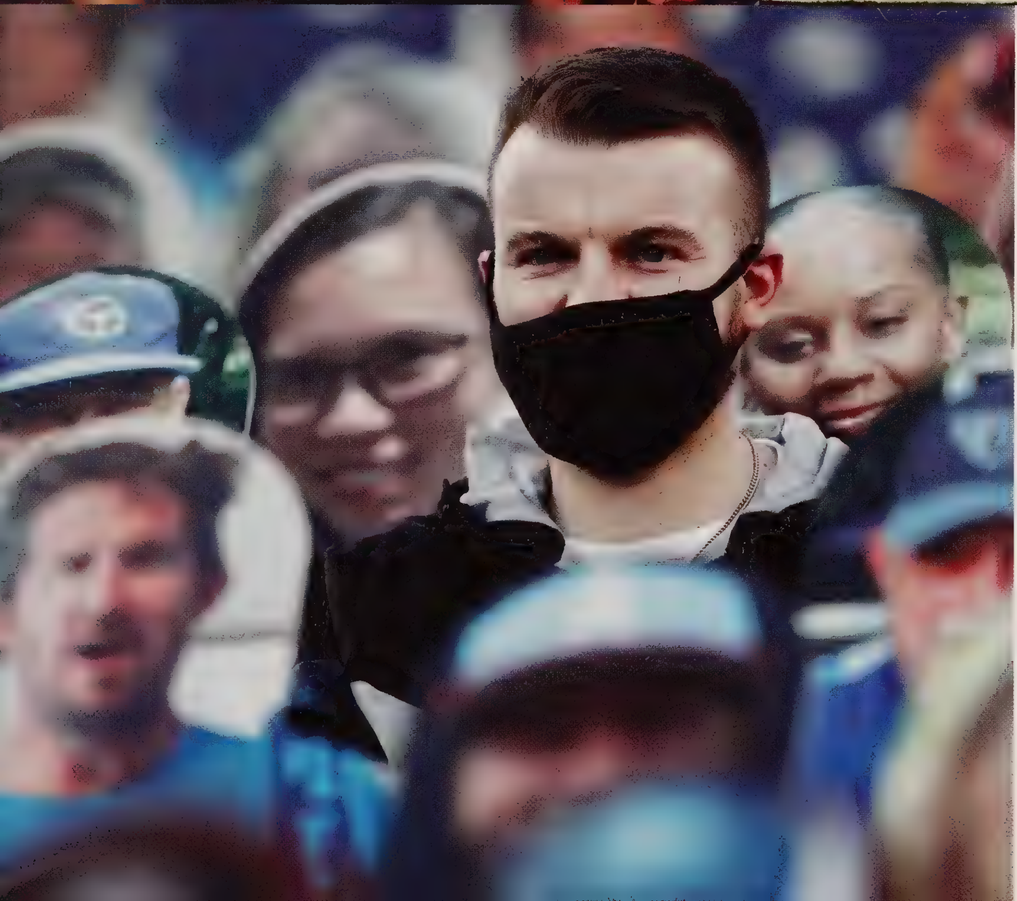


MAN OF IRON

Special Olympics athlete Chris Nikic becomes the first person with Down syndrome to complete a full Ironman. Competing in the Ironman Florida, 21-year-old Nikic swims 2.4 miles, bikes 112 miles and runs a full marathon (26.2 miles), despite falling off his bike and being attacked by ants at a rest stop. Ironman's Facebook page live-streamed the last two miles of Nikic's run.

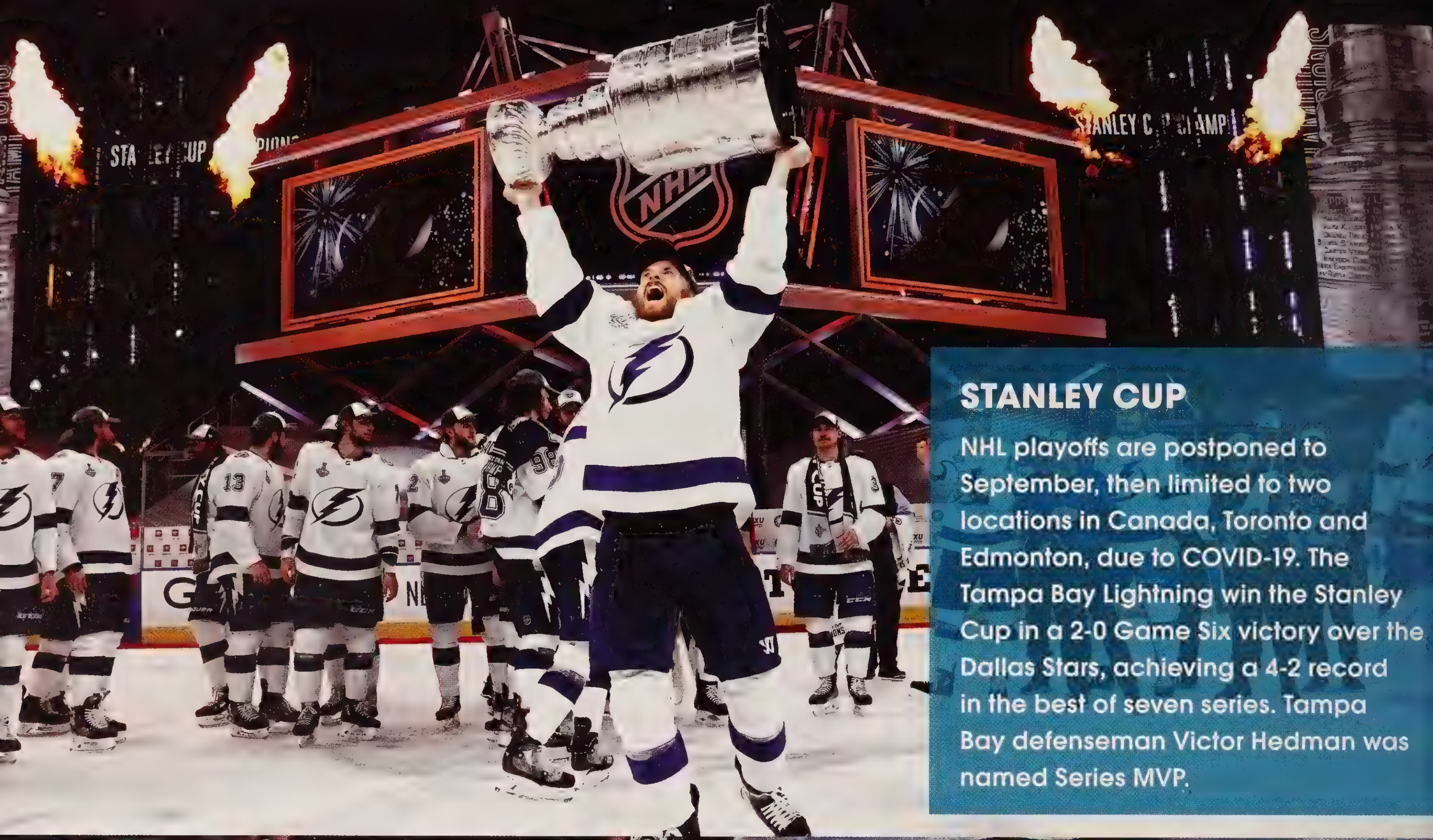
NCAA FOOTBALL CHAMP

Alabama dominated Ohio State 55-24 in the January College Football National Championship. The undefeated No. 1 Crimson Tide, led by Heisman Trophy–winner Devonta Smith, who scored three touchdowns, won their 18th national title.



FAN SUBSTITUTES

COVID-19 social distancing restrictions limit professional and college sports stadium attendance, and teams come up with creative alternatives, including stuffed animals and cardboard cutouts. Fans can purchase "season tickets" allowing them to display their images on cardboard cutouts in the seats.



STANLEY CUP

NHL playoffs are postponed to September, then limited to two locations in Canada, Toronto and Edmonton, due to COVID-19. The Tampa Bay Lightning win the Stanley Cup in a 2-0 Game Six victory over the Dallas Stars, achieving a 4-2 record in the best of seven series. Tampa Bay defenseman Victor Hedman was named Series MVP.

NBA CHAMPIONSHIP

LeBron James wins his fourth Finals MVP award, tying Michael Jordan for that record, after a win over the Miami Heat. The Lakers win follows a tough year with the loss of former team leader Kobe Bryant. The team dedicates the season to him.

LITTLE LEAGUE WORLD SERIES

For the first time in 73 years, Williamsport, PA, does not host the Little League World Series, due to COVID-19

SPORTS

MLB WORLD SERIES

Concluding the shortest MLB season on record, the Dodgers win the World Series after the Tampa Bay Rays make a controversial pitching change in Game 6, breaking Blake Snell's momentum in favor of reliever Nick Anderson. Mookie Betts slides home to give the Dodgers the go-ahead 2-1 run and the Dodgers win 3-1. COVID-19 impacts both teams, pulling starting Dodgers third-baseman Justin Turner out in the 8th inning after a positive test result but sending Rays Randy Arozarena back in to hit a first-inning home run

MLS SEASON ADAPTS

COVID-19 challenges plague Major League Soccer, starting with a temporary shutdown two weeks into the season. Despite regular testing and requirements to wear a mask if exposed, multiple games are postponed or cancelled due to positive COVID-19 tests. Game cancellations lead the MLS to determine playoff spots based on points per game rather than win-loss standings. MLS Cup Match takes place Dec. 12 between Columbus Crew SC and the Seattle Sounders. Columbus Crew wins the Cup 3-0.

WNBA CHAMPS

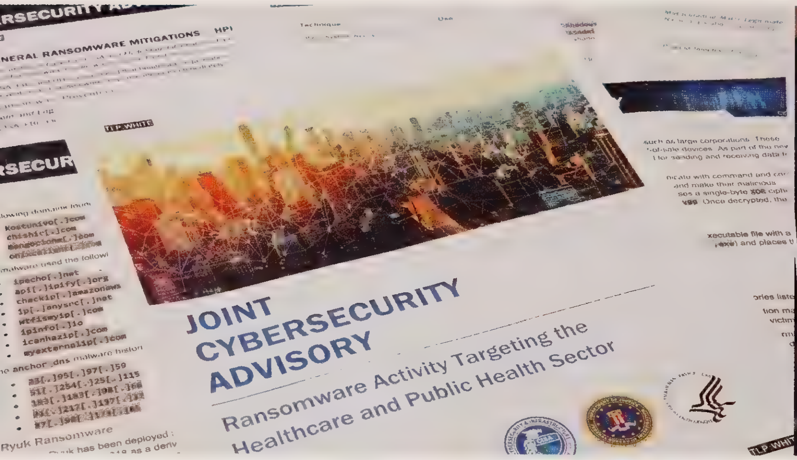
Sweeping the Las Vegas Aces in a best-of-five series, the Seattle Storm wins the 2020 WNBA Championship in an unprecedented season. The teams played season games in the Bradenton, FL "wubble" (WNBA bubble). Forward Breanna Stewart, who missed the 2019 season due to a torn Achilles tendon, was unanimously voted MVP for the championship series.

TIK TOK DODGES BAN

Concerns about national security leads President Trump to threaten to prohibit Chinese-owned TikTok downloads starting in November. Oracle proposes taking over ownership of TikTok U.S. data, and negotiations continue through the fall. Two federal district court judges rule that Trump's emergency economic powers are not sufficient.

U.S. SUES GOOGLE

The U.S. Department of Justice files a lawsuit against tech giant Google after a Congressional report accuses Google, Twitter, Amazon and others of using monopoly powers. The DOJ claims that Google has illegally paid computer manufacturers billions of dollars to choose Google as their default search engine and restrict rivals.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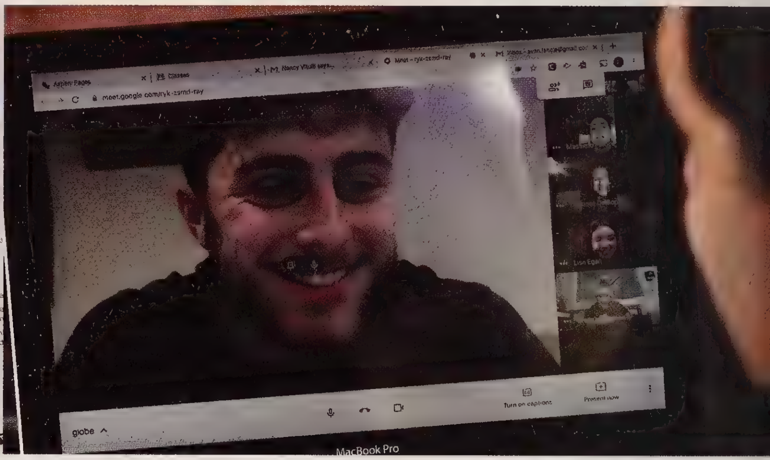

MICROSOFT NEUTRALIZES HACKERS

In December, evidence of the most sophisticated and far-reaching hack in years became public. A group of hackers known as "CozyBear" breached a trusted infrastructure supply chain. While Microsoft could not fix the damage already done, they were able to prevent further infiltration within four days.

HOME ENTERTAINMENT

With movie theaters shuttered and shelter-in-place orders common, home entertainment becomes more important than ever. Technology continues to enhance social gatherings as platforms like Zoom video conferencing and the Occulus Quest virtual reality headset become more common.

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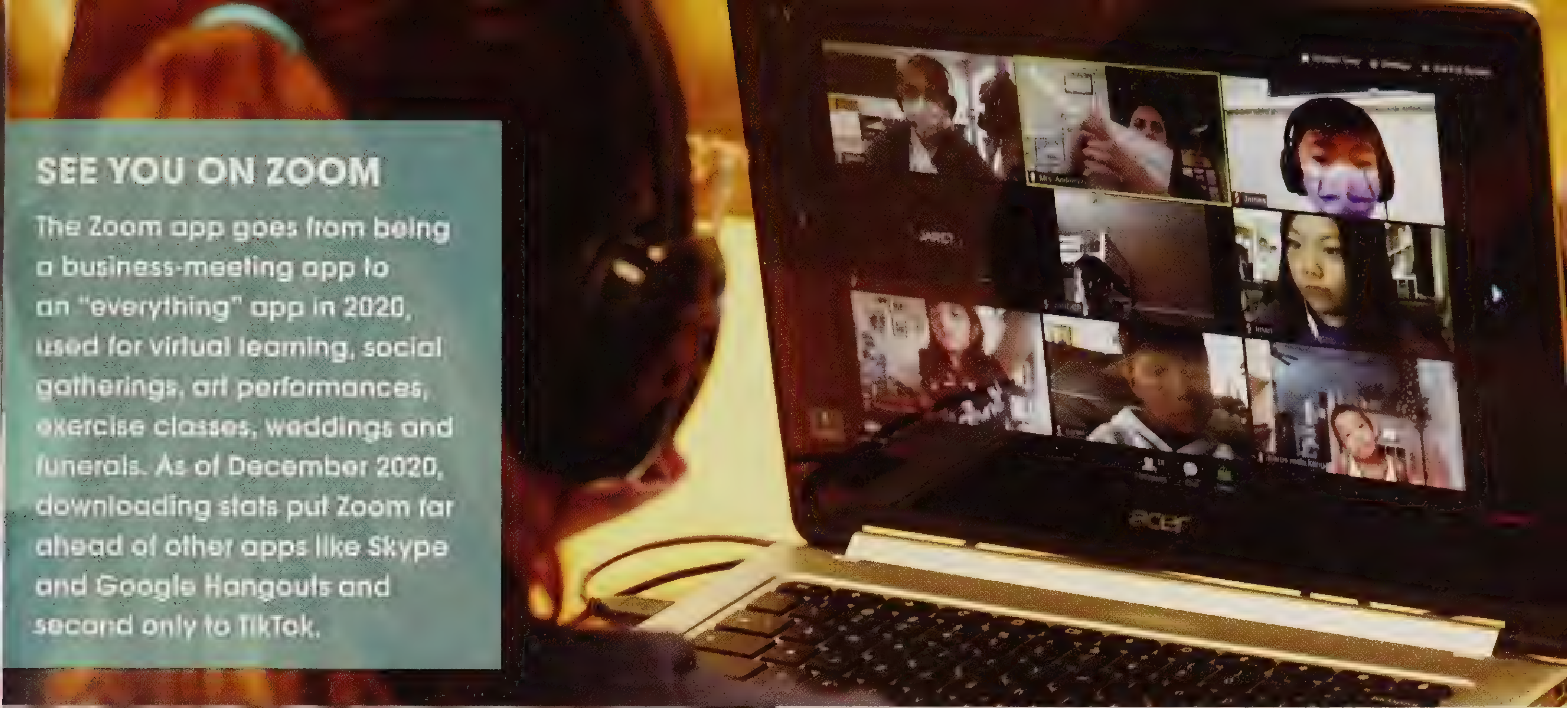

SEE YOU ON ZOOM

The Zoom app goes from being a business-meeting app to an "everything" app in 2020, used for virtual learning, social gatherings, art performances, exercise classes, weddings and funerals. As of December 2020, downloading stats put Zoom far ahead of other apps like Skype and Google Hangouts and second only to TikTok.

NOBEL PRIZE

Doctors Jennifer Doudna and Emmanuelle Charpentier win the Nobel Prize in Chemistry for their work developing a gene-editing technique known as Crispr-Cas9. *Crispr* stands for "clustered regularly interspaced short palindromic repeats," a type of sequencing in DNA chains that facilitates bacterial immunity. The Crispr technique allows scientists to cut out and replace chain segments. This will enable repairs to flawed genes and prevent diseases, but the technique's potential to create inheritable edited genes in humans is controversial.

GAMERS' DILEMMA

Sony and Microsoft release their newest gaming systems on the same day, November 12th. Microsoft's Xbox Series X and Sony's PlayStation 5 both offer much faster loading times than their predecessors and are similarly priced at about $500. However, Xbox Series X offers better backward capability, while PS5 offers a redesigned, more immersive controller. Which to buy? Depends on your game preference: *Halo* fans prefer the Xbox, while *God of War* fans want the PS5. Getting PS5 for the holidays proves so difficult that it inspires a *Saturday Night Live* skit.

photo: wccftech

MTV'S FIRST PANDEMIC AWARDS

MTV creates two special award categories for 2020: Best Music Video from Home and Best Quarantine Performance.

MASK TRENDS

While NIOSH-certified "N95" masks are the gold standard, they are unavailable to the general public for months. The urgent need for masks leads to countless creative designs and unending arguments about what the "best" masks are. Elastic loops? Ties around the head? One or two fabric layers? Filters?

AWKWAFINA MAKES GOLDEN GLOBE HISTORY

Awkwafina becomes the first Asian American performer to win a Golden Globe lead actress award, taking the prize for her performance in *The Farewell*.

SPOTIFY'S 2020 WRAPPED

For the second year in a row, Billie Eilish is Spotify's most-streamed female artist. Eilish is the first woman and youngest female to win the four main Grammy categories: Best New Artist, Record of the Year, Song of the Year and Album of the Year.

TIK TOK SISTERS

TikTok sensations Charli and Dixie D'Amelio reach a combined net worth of over $7 million. The sisters also launch a nail polish brand and partner with UNICEF on an anti-bullying campaign.

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